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OR,
MEMOIRS
OF THE
LIFE and HAPPY ADVENTURES
OF
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HOSPITAL.

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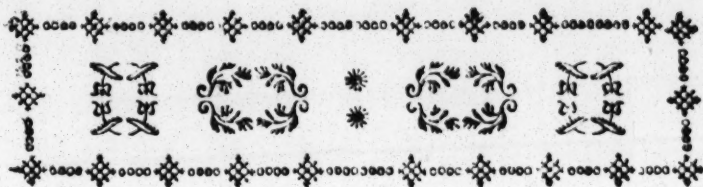
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C H A P. I.

*An account of the Taylor, how he changes
the bill.*

PERHAPS the reader may suppose, that Mr. Templeman intrusted his taylor with the hundred pound bill; but no, he only shewed it him, and sent him, according to his offer, to fetch the change. He

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being thus dismissed, with hopes that he should be paid that evening, was nevertheless in great trouble and perplexity how he should do to raise the money to change the bill, there being somewhat better than fifty pounds wanting; and he, not having scarce a fourth part of that money by him, though he told Mr. Templeman he would return shortly with the change; nor did he know where to get the value of ten pounds, had he wanted only that to have made up the sum. He had not cloth enough by him to deposit with his kind *uncle* at the three Blue Balls, who would not advance a single shilling without a sufficient security in hand; his household goods were all safe in the landlord's books, and therefore, as he could not make it appear that they were his property, he could not raise any money upon them. However, being



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ing an *honest* North-country man, he thought of a scheme, which seemed to carry some plausibility of success; this was, to go to the Mercer of whom he had bought the tissue for the waistcoat, and some other parts of the trimmings, to whom he was not very well known, and acquaint him with his want of change, to be paid for the two suits, and desire him to lend him so much as would make it up, for an hour or two.

He had no sooner laid his plan, but he hastened to put it in execution, goes his way, and tells his mercer his wants, promising, that as soon as he had received it, or the next morning at the farthest, he would return it, and pay him for the goods he had taken up for the gentleman. The mercer, being a good-natured unsuspecting man, and willing to re-

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tain so good a customer, as he might be ; as he imagined he should not only through him have Mr. Templeman's custom, but that he might also recommend him to some of his acquaintance ; without many words lent him fifty pounds to change the bill.

Having succeeded so well with the mercer, he thought that he might possibly do the same with his Draper ; and so goes with the same story to him, telling him, that if he could but oblige him with fifty pounds, to exchange a Bank bill for the gentleman, for whom he had made up the last cloth he had of him, he would the next day repay him, and also his own bill besides. Honest Aminadab, who was not quite so credulous as the mercer, asked him where the bill was, and he would change it for him, if it appeared to be real ; when finding

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ing he had it not, but that he was to carry the money and take up the bill; replied, Why, my friend, let me tell thee, as times now are, it is hard trusting to any one, and if I should lend thee my money, I pray what security canst thou give me for my payment at the time of promise? If thou hast any friend, that will give security with thee for it, thou shalt have it, but I fear it would be too late this evening for this; but, as you tell me, that without it thou may'st perhaps disoblige a young gentleman, who is like to become a good customer to thee hereafter; I'll do thee as much service, as I am able in the affair; my servant shall go along with thee, and take up the paper; which he may bring to me as a security, and then thou canst come to-morrow, or when thou pleatest, and we can settle between ourselves.

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This put poor Stitch to a nonplus; he could not refuse, nor did he chuse to comply; however, as he had no alternative, he returned Aminadab his thanks, and accepted his favour, and trudged away, with his man Obadiah, as a guard; but all the way he went, was puzzling his brains, how he might get rid of his companion; to expect to get the money from him was in vain, nor did he chuse at that time, to pay his draper's bill off: therefore when he came to his own house, which lay in their road, he pretended he must step in about some business, he had forgot; and going up stairs, under pretence of speaking to his men, he came down again, and told Obadiah that he was very much obliged to his master, but that he found, he should have no occasion to trouble him; for that since he had been out, the gentleman had sent his money,

money, by his servant, and he should now have no occasion for the change, so he might carry it back again; charging him, at the same time, to tell his master, that he would certainly call and settle with him the next day.

Having by these means got rid of his guard, and the mercer's money, no sooner was Obadiah's back turned, but away he goes to Mr. Templeman, receives his bill for his cloaths; giving him the mercer's money in exchange for the Bank note; then making a great many scrapes and bows, he retired, with telling Mr. Templeman, that he hoped he should have a continuance of his favours, though he never intended to give him an opportunity; for he had no sooner got the hundred pound note in his possession, than thinking it a greater sum than ever he might have an oppor-

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tunity of seeing again, at one time, and a much better fight than a goal, of which he was in daily expectation; he marched home, packed up all his cloaths, linnen, tools, and whatever else he could, and decamped; leaving his landlord an old table or two, and some few old chairs, &c. for a twelve-months rent.

Here we may observe the great force and allurements of money, when it falls into necessitous hands, that have not resolution to withstand its temptations: had the mercer taken the same precaution as honest Amiadab, and not trusted our taylor with his money, he had been paid his bill, and saved his cash, as well as, in all probability, kept the taylor an honest man, who as he had had a good customer of Mr. Templeman, the money he received from him, would

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would have served to have stopped several gaps, and kept him some little time longer above water, but being once in possession of such a sum, he thought it the most likely time, to make a bold push, though at the hazard of his neck (if found), to make his fortune ; as with that sum, he might set up in some cheap country, and get a good livelihood ; not considering the crime of defrauding his creditors, as well as cheating his mercer, of his money, and goods ; and therefore resolved to go off, and immediately put it in execution.

Mr. Templeman having dismissed the taylor, returned to his Lady ; after which amusing themselves with saying several soft things to each other, and talked of love, drawing golden scenes of future delights, intermixed, now and then, with a tune on the

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harpfichord; the coach was ordered, and he returned home, for he would that night by no means stay supper, as he wanted to see his friend Mr. Henchman, to desire him to go with him to the Commons, early the next morning for a licence.

CHAP.

C H A P. II.

His reception when he came home by his Nurse, and what he finds from his Mother.

AS this was the last night he intended to lay in the house, when he came to the Fountain, where he stopped to dismiss the coach, and undress, he did not, as usual, stay to put on all the paraphernalia of the Blue-coat boy; but only slipped on his coat and band, over his waistcoat, and buckling on his girdle, walked home; when having passed the gate, and given Cerberus his last sop, made of the same metal with the bough which was the passport of Æneas, to the regions of Pluto, for which he received an awkward bow and a good night to you Sir; he repaired immediately to the Steward's, who, as he expected him, had sat up half an

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hour beyond his usual time ; and had given orders, that when he came, he should be admitted to his presence. Having staid a little time with him, and settled matters relative to the next day, he retired to his ward to sleep.

Here he was no sooner entered, but the old Lady began to set up her pipes, about his staying out so late, and keeping her up so long ; that she should acquaint the Treasurer, and Mr. Henchman, with what hours he kept ; that, she was sure, such as he could get no good by staying out till that time of night ; and much more to the same purpose, which she uttered in such a torrent of noise, that Ben was forced to stay, till she was out of breath, before he could answer her. Then he told her calmly, that she might as well have spared herself the labour of so much talk,

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talk, for that it was the last time he should trouble her, as she might see; (and throwing aside the blue baize discovered underneath a laced waistcoat) that as for telling the Treasurer, or Mr. HENCHMAN, she might do as she pleased, for he had leave from the first, and the last he had been with; and was but just come from him; that if she expected any favour from him, at leaving her, she must behave a little civilier.

This speech, with the sight of his waistcoat, somewhat calmed her fury, and she asked him, if he would not sit down a little? He replied he could not stay long, but that if she would get him a bottle of Madeira, if there was any left, he'd take a glass of that, and then go to bed. To this she replied that she had two bottles of it: then, says Ben, we'll share it; I'll have
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one and you may take the other for yourself.

The wine being brought, Ben sat down, and drank a glass or two; telling his nurse, that he was to be discharged the next day; that he was going to be bound apprentice to a great merchant; to which she replied, that she rather thought it was to a great Lady, and that his apprenticeship would last for life. Ben then told her, that whatever suspicions she might have, he desired her to keep them to herself, and not to tell them to any one; that he would have her tell the boys, or any one else, as he had told her; that if she did otherways, she'd not only gain his ill will, but would affront the Treasurer, who had ordered him to give it out, as he had said. This, she promised to comply with, telling him also, she had received

ceived a basket, out of the country for him, which she would not open; but advised him to do it, before he went to bed, as there might be something in it, perhaps, that would be best to be taken out. This he agreed to, and found it his mother's annual present, of a fine turkey and chine, for him and his Nurse, on his birth-day; to which was added, by his brother, an hare and two lease of partridges, for the Treasurer and the Steward; together with a guinea for his pocket, and a very fond letter from his mother and brother. Ben took the guinea, and giving it to the old woman, told her, she must accept of that, for her share of the turkey, which he now wanted for another occasion, on his birth-day, and which, to him, was, at present, of much more consequence than the money; adding, that he should also cheat the
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old gentlemen of their game; charging her not to say any thing to Mr. Henchman, of his having received it; and taking a glass of wine, he retired to bed, where we shall leave him to sleep, if he can, till we call him to-morrow morning to fetch the licence and his bride.

CHAP.

C H A P. III.

The Wedding Morning.

THIS morning Templeman awak-
ed very early, and calling his
boy, ordered him to take care of his
waistcoat and breeches, &c. and put
them away, that none of the boys
might see them, saying, that he would
lie still, till they were gone to break-
fast, to avoid being asked questions,
telling the boy, that he need not go
to breakfast; for as he should want
him, he would bear him harmless
with the Steward, for that day. Then,
turning himself, laid still, as if asleep,
till his faithful servant, who had sat
all the time by his bed side to pre-
vent any one coming to disturb him,
told him the second bell had rung,
and that the ward was clear. Upon
which

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which he got up immediately, dressed himself, and after taking a crust of bread, and a glass of Madeira with Mrs. Nurse, he bid the boy take the turkey and chine, &c. in the basket, and bring them along with him. Then taking his leave of Nurse, who wished him a happy day, he went off, before the boys came from breakfast, and went to the Fountain to dress; where having ordered coffee, he and his boy *King* sat down to breakfast together; after which his boy having packed up his bundle of baize, he bid him carry them home to his Nurse, and made him a present of his Bristol stone girdle buckle, which he used to wear, as a token to keep him in mind: ordering him, as soon as he had delivered the cloaths, to get a coach ready at the church gate and wait for him; who
would

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would not be long before he came to him.

Having dismissed his boy, he called for the master of the house, gave him orders to dress the turkey and chine, &c. and to get an handsome dish of fish, and especially a good plumb-pudding; some tarts, and whatever else he thought would be proper for an handsome wedding dinner; to be ready by two of the clock that day, for that he purposed to bring his bride, and a few friends to dinner, at his house. The landlord bowed and assured him that every thing should be ready according to his appointment; and after having received a caution not to acquaint any of his servants, either who the dinner was for, or the occasion, he withdrew; and Mr. Templeman.
went

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went to call Mr. Henchman, to go to the Commons.

When he came to his house, he found the old gentleman ready to accompany him; who told him that he thought it might not be amiss to take some one else along with them, asking him if his Lady had fixed upon any particular gentleman to perform the ceremony, or on any church to be married in; to which Templeman replied in the negative, only that she had told him she should chuse to be married and dine in the city, where she was not known. Then, says the old gentleman, I would recommend you to Mr. Selby, whom you know, has been in part your master, and as he is curate of this parish, can take you very privately to the church, without any one's taking notice; and, as I make no doubt,

you

intend to make the minister an handsome present, I must say in my opinion, he deserves it as much as any one. Ben readily complied with this proposal, only objected to going to the library, to Mr. Selby, as that was quite on the other side of the Cloisters, and he might be known by some of the boys; then, says Mr. Henschman, I'll send for him to my house, though he may possibly be at home, as it is about his breakfast time; if he is, as it is but next door, we may step to him; but I'll go myself and see: to this Ben readily agreed, and away went the old gentleman, and as he expected found him at his tea.

On his entrance Mr. Selby accosts him, Well Mr. Steward! what complaint now? What! have some of my upper ones been rebellious, or gone
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out without your leave? If they have, as to the first, I shall leave that entirely to yourself, to act as you please in regard to them; but as to the last, it is a sort of privilege, which, I have often told you, they have claimed time immemorial, and indeed I must needs say, that I think it but reasonable, that young men of their age and understanding, may be trusted with themselves, and not at every turn, when they have a leisure afternoon from school, be confined in a monastery, or forced to ask leave from you to go out, like a child of ten or twelve years old; and if you happen to be in an ill humour, perhaps denied, which is wholly repugnant to the sentiments they imbibe from a liberal classical education. Pugh! Peter, replies the Steward, what do you think I never come to you but with a complaint in my mouth? My
• business

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business at present is quite of another nature; I want a cast of your office this morning, for a young man; you must therefore come along with me to the Commons immediately, for the licence; the young gentleman is now waiting for you at my house, and I believe that you'll find it a good job. Mr. Selby made no reply, but drinking off his tea, which he had in his hand, and scalding his mouth for haste, got up and went directly with him.

When he first saw Ben, he started, and turning to Mr. Henchman, said, Surely, Sir, this is one of our boys; I think I know his face, though his dress greatly alters him; pray how long has he been discharged? I hope you have well considered what you are going to do, as your place seems to be at stake. I, for my part, should rather

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rather be excused having any concern in the affair. To this Ben replied, you need, Sir, be under no apprehension on my account, as all matters relative to me, and my being in the house, have been fully settled by the Treasurer and Governors, on Sunday night last, as Mr. Henchman will inform you.

Mr. Henchman told him, it would be too long to tell him the whole of the affair at present, but that he might be assured, it was as the young man said; and, if he pleased, he might step to Sir George and have it from his own mouth. Mr. Selby replied, there was no occasion for that, as he could believe what they had told him; but, young man, continues he, as you are under age, you must have the consent of your friends, or guardians, to obtain a licence. As to that, Sir, replied he, the Governors of this House are as yet my
Guardians;

guardians, for I am not yet discharged ; and Mr. Henchman goes in their name for the licence : We only desire your company, as it may be the means of a quicker dispatch.

Mr. Selby then asked where the young woman was, and whether she was of age ? adding, that he hoped he was not going to throw himself away ; for that there were a great many designing artful women in the world, ready to trepan unwary youth to their ruin. To this Ben replied, he was sure that his Lady was not one of them ; that she had hitherto acted, by him, with the strictest honour and generosity, and had already shewn so great a regard for him, that, of her own accord, she had made over her whole fortune to him, reserving to herself only a jointure of fifty thousand pound. Only fifty thousand pound ! replied Mr. Selby, in great

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haste ; why, that alone is a fortune for a nobleman. Pray, what fortune has she, and who may this Lady be ? One would imagine her either a fool or a mad-woman, to fall so desperately in love with a Blue-coat boy ; though I must own, young gentleman, that you are no contemptible person.

Here Mr. Henchman broke in, saying, the time spent apace ; that it was time they were gone ; for that, when the licence was ready, he had to Soho to go, to fetch the Lady—Come, Let us be going, you shall hear more, as we go along. But is this Lady of age, and at her own disposal, Mr. Henchman ? replies he. Of age ! Peter, says the Steward ; why, 'tis the widow of old *Getall*, the rich wine merchant, who died some time ago. Had the old fellow known what she'd have done with his money, he would have left it

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to charitable uses, before she should have had it, and then we might have come in for some part. If that is the case, replies Mr. Selby, I heartily congratulate your good fortune, Sir. Mr. Henchman and I will go immediately to the Commons, and fetch the licence; for as you, Sir, are not of age, there is no occasion for you to go with us, so you may go directly and fetch the Lady, and we will be ready in the Vestry at Christ Church, which is as private as any church in London, as you can come down Butcher-hall Lane to the Vestry-door, and no-body take any notice of you.

Ben was very glad to hear there was no occasion for him at the Commons, therefore thanked them, and putting his hand in his pocket, asked Mr. Selby what the expence of the licence would be; when being informed, that the

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bare expence would be five and twenty shillings, but as they were in haste, the clerk might expect something for expedition : he then gave Mr. Henchman two guineas, telling him, if that was not sufficient, he begged he would deposit the rest, and he'd repay it ; after which, he made his bow and retired, assuring Mr. Selby, he would not make him wait long, for that he would be back pretty near as soon as they.

Ben, being thus dismissed, went directly out of the church gate, where he found his boy, with a coach in waiting for him ; when giving the coachman half a crown for expedition-money, he bid him not spare horse-flesh, but drive directly, with all speed, to Soho ; and telling the boy to come to him at two o'clock to the Fountain, he stepped in, and the coachman set off full speed.

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What passed at the Commons.

MR. Selby and the Steward made all the haste they could to the Commons; where going to one of the Proctors for a licence, upon hearing the Lady's name, he observed, that he thought she was in a hurry, adding, that it was not long since he had sent her the probate of her late husband's will; but, continues he, whoever the gentleman may be, he has made a fine fortune. Upon this, Mr. Selby asked him, What her fortune might be? Those things, Sir, replied he, are secrets of office we never divulge; but, between ourselves, you may set her down at a good three hundred thousand, and not over-rate her, for the old gentleman left her his whole heir and exe-

cutrix, except a few trifling legacies to his warehouse-man, his porter, and one or two others; five pounds to the charity-school, and a single guinea to the parson of his parish, to speak well of him after he was dead; of whom, no-body spoke well while he was alive. And pray, Sir, says Mr. Henchman, did the parson perform the articles? Why, no Sir, replies the Proctor, he did not chuse to tell lies in the pulpit; and as he could say nothing good of him, but that he had left five pounds to the charity-school, which he, as he was treasurer, had in all probability before cheated of ten; he took up the old adage, *Speak no ill of the dead*—preached a good sermon on the subject of mortality, and never mentioned his name. The clerk had by this time filled up the licence and the bond, when they went to the Surrogate's office and had them executed immediately;

diately ; and, paying the Proctor his fees, and half a guinea extraordinary for an expedition-fee, they took their leave ; Mr. Selby going to order matters in readiness at the church, and Mr. Henchman, at Mr. Templeman's desire, to give some necessary orders relative to the wedding dinner. Having settled the dinner to consist of three courses of seven dishes each, and tasted the wine, he went to the Vestry to Mr. Selby to wait the arrival of the Bride and Bridegroom.

C H A P. V.

*Mr. Templeman arrives at the Lady's—
The wedding, and other occurrences.*

AS Mr. Templeman had not been sparing of his pocket, so neither was the coachman sparing of his whip, but lashed on his broken-winded jades, and, in a quarter of an hour, brought him safe to the object of his wishes, whom he found ready dressed, in all the gaiety of a youthful bride; she had on a full dress of rich white Padua-fof, flowered with silver, a Bruffels lace double-lappet head-dress, with diamond necklace and ear-rings, her gold watch and trinkets, among which was the picture of her beloved object in his Blue Cloaths, curiously drawn by *old Lens*, which Ben had, by her desire, presented her with, and which she had set
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in gold and rubies. She was sitting at the tea table waiting for Templeman's coming to breakfast, while a thousand perplexing thoughts disturbed her brain, which vanished at the appearance of her hero, who approached her with the most awful respect, telling her, that he was extremely sorry he was obliged, through necessity, to make her wait for him, and then, with a profound reverence, ventured to take her hand into his, and to salute her lips. After which they sat down to tea, which they were not long in sipping up, when Ben retired to dress, and, with William's assistance, soon returned, in his best wedding suit, his silver-mounted sword, and a set of rich diamond buckles, and solitaire, which his Lady had presented him with her own hand.

If she had so great a love for him in his former habit, how was she now

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transported? to behold him dressed in all the splendour of a Birth-day Courtier, and approaching her with all the gaiety of a youthful Bridegroom? On his entering the room she rose to meet him, whilst he, catching her in his arms, embraced her with the ardour of an eager lover; then, taking her by the hand, led her to the coach, which was waiting at the door, and having handed her in, he stepped in himself, telling Thomas to drive apace to Butcher-hall Lane, in Newgate-Street. William having given a wink to his brother servant mounted his post, when Thomas whipt off, after the Jehuan manner, and was not long before he came through Newgate, where he enquired which was Butcher-hall Lane, and being informed, presently turned down, and was driving on, but Mr. Henchman, who was at the Vestry-door, and knowing the livery, called to him to stop,

stop, and draw up close to the door; and not giving William time to get down, opened the coach-door himself, offering his hand to Mr. Templeman, which he declined, saying, He was young enough to jump out himself; which he immediately did, and handing his Lady out, led her into the Vestry.

Here they found Mr. Selby, who looked like one amazed, when he saw Ben sparkling with lace and diamonds, with the air of a polite gentleman hand in his Lady, who appeared with the dignity, as well as the dress of a princess. He rose and made a low bow, and offered the Lady his chair, if she chose to rest herself a little, before they proceeded to business, which she declined; and Ben having ordered William to bid the coachman turn his horses, and wait for them, told Mr. Selby they were ready whenever he

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pleased. Upon which he put on his surplice, and they went into the church, where the ceremony was soon performed; Mr. Henchman standing Father, and giving the Lady's hand to her Spouse, while the Clerk and Sexton were contemplating the bloom and youth of the Bridegroom, and the air of the Bride, together with the rich dresses of both, and ruminating on the good fees they expected from such a wedding, as they judged them to be no less than some of the Nobility. After the ceremony was over, Ben saluted his Lady, as did also Mr. Selby and Mr. Henchman, when Mr. Templeman, turning to the organ-loft, said to his Lady; There, Madam, is the place you first saw me; here our love began, and here we have brought it to perfection; though I hope not finished it; which, I pray God, may never happen, till one or both of us shall be no more. To
which

which the Lady replied, that she could chearfully say *Amen* to that prayer.

They then returned to the Vestry, and Mr. Templeman asking what the fees were, was answered by the Clerk, with his usual rhetorick, twelve shillings Sir for the Doctor, and six for myself, and for the Curate and Sexton, what you please. This speech, which set Mr. Selby upon the same footing with the Sexton or Grave-digger, and consequently beneath the assumed dignity of his Clerk, so stung that gentleman, (who had not entirely divested himself of that pride which he had acquired when he was at the head of the house) that it made his choler boil in his bosom, and flushed his cheeks with crimson, though he had the prudence to bridle his tongue. Mr. Templeman laid down a guinea, and told the Clerk; There was the Doctor's fees for the use
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of his church, his own fees, and the remainder for the sexton; then turning to Mr. Selby, told him, he hoped he would honour his Lady with his company to dinner; to which he replied, that he must go to the school, and take proper care of his boys, and would presently wait on them; but this Mr. Henchman obviated, by saying, It was near eleven o'clock, and as he must be obliged to be at home at dinner, he would go to the school and dismiss them, and give the necessary orders to the *first* for the afternoon, so he might accompany Mr. Templeman, which he himself should be glad to do, but he knew his presence was necessary, though, as soon as he could dispatch the boys from dinner, he would wait on them. They then got into the coach, and drove off to the Fountain, taking Mr. Selby along with them.

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When they arrived thither, they were shewn into the apartments provided for them; and after having taken a glass of Champagne, Mr. Templeman taking Mr. Selby aside, thanked him for the good offices done for him that morning, telling him that he would not place him upon an equality with the sexton, and taking a purse of ten guineas out of his pocket, which he had, by his Lady's direction, put separate for that purpose, made him a present thereof, saying, He hoped he would accept of that trifle to buy him a ring, in remembrance of him and his Lady. Mr. Selby bowed, and taking the purse, put it into his pocket, without looking at it; but whether he applied it to the use the donor proposed, or any other, we cannot with any certainty inform our readers; though, it is very certain, that he always afterwards wore a very handsome stone ring; but
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some are of opinion, that he laid it out in a new Paduafoy gown and cassock.

But to return to our subject, after the Bridegroom and Mr. Selby had done talking, Mrs. Templeman proposed to send a card to the Treasurer, to desire his company at dinner, to which Mr. Templeman replied, that he should undoubtedly esteem it a great honour to have Sir George's company, but thought it would be too bold for him to send a card ; that it would look more respectful if he went himself ; adding, that he intended to send a note to Mr. Hodgson, his Master, to ask his company, if his Lady had no objection ; this Mr. Selby seconded, and told the Lady, that she would find something humorous in Mr. Hodgson, if he did not forget the invitation, or, as he was a most profound Mathematician, had no intricate problem to solve

solve to stop him. The Lady replied, that as Mr. Templeman was now master of her person, she undoubtedly could have no will of her own, and knew the duty of a wife better, than to have any objection to what he should propose. To this our hero only answered with a bow, and asked his Lady if she would accompany him in the coach? to which she readily consented. They immediately drove to Sir George's, in the Town Ditch; where William having exerted his skill in a rattling peal on the bell, which immediately brought one of his party-coloured brethren to the door, who seeing a new equipage with rich blue and gold liveries at the gate, in an instant opened it, and came up to the coach door. Mr. Templeman told him, he should be glad to speak with Sir George, if he was at leisure; upon which the man opened the coach door, and Mr. Templeman,

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pleman, leaving his Lady and Mr. Selby in the coach, was conducted by the servant with all the formality of one of Sir George's brother Aldermen on a visit, into the hall, or lobby, where the footman asking his name, (either out of his own curiosity, or to deliver his message properly to the Alderman) Ben, chusing to make as little discovery of himself as possible, told him, he need only tell his Master that a gentleman desired to speak with him, that Sir George would know him when he saw him. The man went and delivered his message to Sir George, who was at that time in his study; but upon his footman's telling him that a gentleman and lady with a new equipage, and rich liveries, desired to speak with him, he asked whether they had got out, or were in the coach. The footman replied, the gentleman was in the hall, but the lady waited his return
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in the coach ; he then bid him shew the gentleman into the parlour, and he would wait on him presently. Mr. Templeman was accordingly ushered into the parlour, and presently after Sir George entered, who looked very earnestly at him ; but as his dress had greatly altered him, he did not immediately recollect his person ; but giving him a low bow, said, Sir, I presume your business is with me : I think I have some knowledge of your face, but cannot remember your name ; I should therefore be obliged to you if you would assist me in that particular. Ben, with a low bow, replied, Sir, my name is Templeman ; if you remember, you granted me an extraordinary favour on Sunday last, at the intercession of his Grace of ——. This morning, Sir, has compleated my happiness, and my Lady and I are come to return your thanks, and to beg the favour of the

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the honour of your company to dine with us. Sir, replied the Treasurer, assuming more of the magisterial air, now he knew whom he was talking with ; I am very glad that it was in my power to contribute to the happiness of any one ; we are all sent into the world for the mutual help of each other, and in the higher station any one is placed, so much the more is he obliged to assist his inferiors ; for, as God has given him greater power, and more opportunities of doing good in his life, so he requires more from him than from his inferiors, who have fewer opportunities, as well as less abilities. But pray, young gentleman, where is your Lady ? Shall not I have the pleasure to wish her joy ? Pray, Sir, bring her in : My Lady, I am sure, will be glad to see her.

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Ben bowed, and retired, and presently returned with his Bride in his hand, whom Sir George saluted, wishing her happiness and success in her choice; and, calling his servant, order'd him to call his Lady; when she came, after the usual compliments were passed, Mrs. Templeman, with great politeness, desired her company with Sir George, to the Wedding-dinner. Sir George asked what company would be present; Mr. Templeman told him, only a small party, consisting of Mr. Selby, Mr. Hodgson, the Steward, himself and Lady. Sir George said, he had no objection to the company, and tho' he was not very fond of those kind of entertainments, yet, as it was only a few friends of his own officers, he would give himself and his Lady the pleasure of joining them, and would be with them as soon as he came from 'Change, which would be about half an hour after one.

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The Bride and Bridegroom then took their leaves ; and, as Ben thought, undiscovered ; but in this he was mistaken, for one of the beadles, who was in waiting at the Treasurer's, had caught sight of him, and, notwithstanding his rich habit, discovered who he was, and presently told it all over the house, that Templeman was married that morning to a rich Lady, and had been at the Treasurer's in his coach, as fine as a Lord ; but as he did not know where they were gone, they were not disturbed by the impertinence of the boys, which otherways they, in all probability, would have been.

Having thus dispatched their business at the Treasurer's, he sent William with a card to Mr. Hodgson, to desire his company at dinner. After a short tour round by Islington, they returned to the Fountain, where they found every
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thing prepared in the greatest order for their reception.



C H A P. VI.

The Philosopher appears — A remarkable forgetfulness.

THEY had not been long here, before Mr. Templeman, who was standing at the window, observed an odd phænomenon emerging from the portal of Newgate, and calling to his Lady, said; Madam, here comes our Philosopher, if you please to step to the window you'll see him, he is now chewing his cud, and solving some difficult problem of Mathematicks to plague his boys to-morrow.

The Lady and Mr. Selby presently came to the window, where the principal

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pal object that struck their eyes was, a gentleman, who looked more like a Lunatic than a Philosopher; he was dressed in a large three-tail'd wig, and broad gold-laced hat, with an old scarlet damask night-gown buckled round him with a sword-belt, in which hung a silver-hilted sword; underneath appeared a pair of fine white silk stockings, with shoes as black as jet. This was no other than Mr. Hodgson himself, who had now advanced as far as to the crossing, where, being stopped by a carrier's waggon, it gave him time to survey himself, and either having solved his problem, or being disturbed in his progression, he perceived that he was in his night-gown, and had forgot his coat; upon which he turned, and went up Giltspur-street. Mr. Selby remarked, that Jemmy had found out his mistake, and was gone back to rectify it. The Lady said, he seemed an odd sort
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of a man, that she did not doubt of having a great deal of pleasure in his company. Indeed Madam! says Mr. Selby, you may be baulked, for perhaps he may not speak fix words, during the time he is in company; but if we can bring him off his mathematics, which I'll endeavour to do, you'll find him a chearful merry companion; though he may perhaps have one or two journeys more before he appears in company.

Mr. Templeman replied, he'd prevent that, by setting William to dog him lest he should forget to come at all, and accordingly ringing the bell, ordered his servant to follow him up Giltspur street, to the hospital, and to tell him the company waited for him: but withal not to remind him of what dress he might be in. William obeyed, and by description

soon found the person whom he was to follow, having seen him into the hospital, by the Long Walk gate, our philosopher finding the boys then at school, had again forgot himself, and instead of going to his house, to change his body dress, went directly through the Cloisters, up into his school; where he was no sooner seated, than William sent a message, by one of the boys, to speak with him. When he appeared at the door, William told him Mr. Templeman had sent him to tell him, the company waited for him at the Fountain. Upon hearing this he began again to recollect himself, and told William, he would be with his master presently, as soon as he had slipped on his coat; which he hastened home to do, but now alas! happened another piece of forgetfulness, almost as bad as the former; for having pulled off his wig, he put
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on a night-cap, to prevent his taking cold, (or rather through instinct, it being customary for him so to do) while he put on his coat, and girded on his trusty toledo, in doing which, he forgot he had his night-cap on, and taking his best laced hat, set forward again for the Fountain.

Mr. Selby was the first that saw him, and said to the Lady, here, Madam, comes our philosopher again; though he must probably have another journey home, unless he proposes staying all night, for he is now coming in his night-cap: however I think Mr. Templeman, if you please, you may as well meet him in the court, and bring him up as he is, if he does not recollect himself before he gets thither.

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Ben accordingly hastened down, and meeting his old master, ushered him, as he was, into his Lady's presence: after having saluted the bride, and hung up his hat, he was placed by Mr. Selby, near a pier glass, which hung in the room; when falling a little into discourse concerning Ben's good fortune, and, as it was his custom in conversation, attempting to toss one of his tails over his shoulder, he could not feel it, and at the same time looking at the glass, he discovered that he was in his night-cap. Odsso, cries the old gentleman, if I have not forgot my wig; you saw it, Peter, says he to Mr. Selby, why did you not tell me? I did not know, Jemmy, replied he, but that you might intend to have staid here all night, as you came in your night-cap. Pshaw, Mr. Selby, replies he something in a pet, you knew better, that I was thinking

ing of something, which made me forget myself; but I'll just step home and fetch my wig, and will be back again presently. By no means Jemmy, says Mr. Selby, for in all probability you'll forget to return, and then we shall lose a good companion, when we have expelled Sir Isaac, and set Descartes a float in a bumper or two of Champagne, the servant shall fetch your wig. In this Mr. and Mrs. Templeman both joined, when Mr. Hodgson politely said, he must obey the Lady, and would send for it; and ringing the bell, when William appeared, he desired him to send one of the drawers to the mathematical school, and bid Casey, which was his boy's name, bring him his wig. William immediately withdrew, and was followed by his master, who ordered him not to let the boy, when he brought the wig,

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come up stairs, but to take it from him and bring it up himself, and likewise to keep the boy to dinner, lest he might discover and blab it among the boys, that he was at the Fountain ; all which William took care implicitly to obey. And now Mr. Henchman arrived, who entering the room, after having saluted the Lady, and wished Mr. Templeman joy, on seeing Mr. Hodgson in his night-cap, fell a laughing, and cries out, What, old Ptolomy ! why you have been raising schemes, and solving problems, till you have metamorphosed your wig into a night-cap : well, you will nevertheless, I dare say, be good company. Come, let us set the vortices afloat in a glass of Champagne, and send them to the fixed stars ; 'tis our business now to be merry, and to leave off world-making till to-morrow. Saying this, he went to the side board,

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board, and filling out a couple of large glasses of Champagne, took off one himself, to the Bride and Bridegroom's health, and handed the other to Mr. Hodgson, who pledged it; then asking the Lady and Mr. Templeman, if he should help either of them to a glass, which they refusing, he sat down, saying to Mr. Selby, Doctor, you can help yourself.

C H A P. VII.

*The Wedding Dinner, and what passed
thereat.*

AFTER a little chat between Mr. Selby, Mr. Templeman, and Mr. Henchman, for the philosopher was not yet roused for conversation, Sir George arrived; when Mr. Templeman hearing the coach stop at the door, and perceiving from the window whose it was, he went down stairs to receive him. This a little disconcerted our philosopher, fearing lest the Treasurer should catch him in his night-cap; but to his great joy, his wig came, just at the same time with the coach; and while Sir George and his Lady were getting out, it was by the nimble-heeled drawer conveyed up stairs, so that he had just time to
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put it on and adjust the tails, before the Treasurer and his Lady entered the room; when after the usual compliments, and they were seated, dinner was served up.

Here I might enter a large field, and enumerate the several dishes, the order they were placed in, and the like; but lest I should make my reader hungry, and consequently out of humour by the description, I shall sum it up in Prior's verses :

*How rich the Wine, how good the Meat,
How loud they laugh'd, how much they eat ;
In epic sumptuous might appear,
But shall be pass'd in silence here.*

Let it suffice, that the entertainment consisted of three courses; among which were the turkey and chine, Mr. Henchman's hare, and the Treasurer's game: which being commended by

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Sir George, and the rest of the company, Ben told them he was very glad that they approved of it, and that it was in fact their own: That the hare was intended by his brother, from whom it came, as a present to Mr. HENCHMAN, and the game to the Treasurer; but, upon this occasion, he had made bold with them; and hoped they would excuse him, as he would endeavour shortly to make them amends. Mr. HENCHMAN bowed, and the Treasurer said, he was very glad to find that they came so opportunely, as he could not but suppose, if his brother had known the occasion he had for them, he would not have sent them either to himself, or Mr. HENCHMAN; to which the old gentleman replied, that he was very glad he had an opportunity to contribute to the entertainment of such good company: that had this or any thing
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else worth notice come to his hands, he should have applied it to the same use, and was very glad that Mr. Templeman was not too conscientious, but had taken the presents for himself, as his own affairs at present required them.

Mr. Henchman was going on with his compliment, and Sir George playing with his senatorial chain, preparing to second him, when they were interrupted by the entrance of a drawer, who addressing himself to Mr. Templeman, told him, one of the boys was below, and enquired for him. Mr. Henchman began to meditate revenge on the boy's breech, for interrupting him, but was stopt, by Ben's turning to Sir George, and saying, Sir, I know who it is, and with your leave I'll order him to come up, as I know his business. Then bidding

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the drawer order the boy up, King presently appeared, who with an awkward congee, told Mr. Templeman, he was come according to his desire, (as he would not call it order, before the Treasurer.) To this Templeman replied, that he at first only wanted to give him a taste of his wedding dinner, but now he had something more for him to do, telling him Cassey was below. He bid him take care of him, and not let him go home, till seven or eight of clock; for fear he should blab out where he was, and he should be troubled with the boys, whose curiosity might excite them to see him; and by that means might bring a mob about the door. Then putting his hand in his pocket, he gave him some money and dismissed him, telling him to stay below and take his dinner, with William and the coachman; and then he and
Cassey

Cassey might take a walk where they pleased, and he would answer for their leave: and to be sure not to go home, till they should be gone from the tavern; but to come and see if he was gone, before they went into (g) bounds. Mr. Henchman then drew two tickets out of his pocket, as he was seldom without, and handed them to King; bidding him observe Mr. Templeman's directions, and to take care not to drink too much with the servants, nor to let the other, limiting them to three glasses each, after dinner; the first to the Bride and Bridegroom's health, the second to the King, and the third to the prosperity of Christ's hospital, a toast never omitted by those who have been educated there, when they meet together, and as zealously observed as the ceremonies of a Free-mason's lodge.

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King bowed, and taking the tickets withdrew to execute his commission, which he performed to a tittle; nor was it in the power of William, or the coachman, to persuade him either to drink himself, or to suffer his companion to exceed his limits, more than one glass; after which, they went and rambled in the fields about Islington, till dusk; then they returned to the Fountain, to see if Mr. Templeman was gone, though it was with difficulty that he could persuade Cassey from going home, and was at last forced to assure him that it was the Treasurer's orders, that they should not go home, till the company were gone from the tavern. For though Sir George had not said any thing, yet from the directions which he had received from Mr. Templeman, he judged it to be the Treasurer's will, that they should stay.

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Cassey being thus satisfied, they returned to the Fountain, where they found that the company were gone; upon which they went home; when Cassey did not fail, according to Templeman's suspicion, to let his tongue run pretty glibly to Mrs. Nurse, where he had been, and what he had heard and seen; which as the other could not contradict, he plainly told them, that Templeman was married that day to a grand lady at the other end of the Town, who had taken a liking to him. That he was dressed all in silver lace, and had, that day, entertained the Treasurer, the Steward, Mr. Hodgson, and Mr. Selby at the Fountain without Newgate; that he had ordered him to come to dinner, but he could not tell how Cassey came there. That, says Cassey, is owing to the failing of Mr. Hodgson's memory, who forgot his wig, and went in his night-cap,

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cap, so that I was sent for to carry him his wig, and was then bid to stay. That was, replied King, to prevent your coming home, and blabbing where Templeman was; and so have sent a croud of boys round the door, to see him, which would have raised a mob about the house. To all this Nurse replied, she knew that Templeman was married that morning, for that he had sent a drawer, with half a dozen bottles of wine, who had served a glass to every boy in the ward to drink his health; that he was but just gone, and as they were absent, she'd give them a glass now, as there was some left for the (h) fix uppermost; then going to the table took the bottle and glass, and gave each of them a full bumper to Templeman's health, saying to King, I am sure you ought to drink it heartily, for as you was his boy, he'll probably

bly be a good friend to you, now he has it in his power.

Nurse now withdrew, bidding the two boys come and take their suppers, which she had saved for them, as they were absent; they telling her they were not hungry, she went up into her room, and calling her daughter, told her, that she must lay aside all thoughts of Templeman: for that he was, that very day, married to the rich Lady, whom he had been to see, and was now too fine a gentleman for her to speak to; concluding, that she always thought Templeman would in time become a great man. (This may account for her winking at his familiarity with her daughter.) The girl, upon hearing the news, was ready to sink, but was relieved from fainting, by the kindly opening of the flood-gates of her eyes, to emit
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a torrent of tears, which immediately burst forth; and as soon as her tongue was at liberty, she immediately loaded Mr. Templeman and herself with imprecations, calling him an ungrateful wretch, a perjured villain, and the like. Her mother bid her not to fret herself about it, for she did not doubt but that she might light of as good an offer as Mr. Templeman would have been, had he gone out of the house regularly, and had happened not to meet with this good luck; though, says she, if you have any thing to shew, that will prove his having promised to marry you, you may get some of his money from him, which may do you as much good as if you had him; for he could not have maintained you, for some years, even if he had married you. At this the girl sighed, and said, he had never really promised to marry her, but she

she thought he would; as he had always promised to be true to her, and never to forsake her, by any means. The mother shook her head, and bid her go and lie down, and try to compose herself; and she made no doubt but she'd get over it in a day or two. Sukey obeyed, and went to bed, where we'll leave her, to bewail her fortune by herself, and return to Mr. Templeman and his company, whom we left at dinner.

When Mr. HENCHMAN had finished his complimentary speech, Sir George said, he was very glad that he had the pleasure of contributing to the entertainment of the company, on so good an occasion. That he thought Mr. Templeman quite in the right to keep the presents for his own use, which himself would have done, had they come on the eve of a city feast, for the
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Lord Mayor ; as he should have had no scruple of conscience, in detaining them for his own wedding dinner, had they been to have gone through his hands, as a present from him. After this and some more discourse on the same and various other subjects, dinner being finished, Mr. Selby said grace, and the cloth being removed, the glass went round to the Bride and Bridegroom, who in return drank the health of the company ; then the King, the Church, prosperity to Christ's hospital, and some other toasts, and after having chatted a while, tea and coffee were ordered upon the table ; which being over, Sir George and his Lady took their leaves and were retiring, the Treasurer telling Mr. Templeman, that his discharge should be made out the next day in the morning, and he would send it to him, and not give him the trouble of coming,

ing, or sending to the house. That he hoped his good fortune would not so much elate him, as to make him forget the place of his education. To which Ben replied, that he believed no fortune would ever make him so proud, but that he should always remember he had been a Blue-coat boy. But Sir George, continues he, should I be inclinable to forget, here is a certain memento, which will always remind me thereof, and taking aside his Lady's apron, discovered her locket, to which hung his portrait, and which had till then been unobserved by the company, which they all now inspected, and declared it to be a very striking likeness. He then told Sir George, that he would not give him the trouble to send to him about his discharge; for that he should call the next day at the house, to take his leave of his Nurse, and his school-fellows,

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fellows, which he had not yet done, and would go to the compting house for it himself; upon which, Sir George very politely invited him and his Lady to dine with him the next day; telling him it was most convenient for a new-married couple to be from home a day or two, to avoid the noise and disturbance of drums and trumpets, and such stuff, the usual attendants upon such occasions. That he wondered they had not had them that afternoon; then again taking his leave, he went away; Ben attending him and his Lady to their coach. Then ordering William to tell the coachman to get his coach to the door, he went up again to the company, and the coach being ready, the gentlemen rose to go, but Ben insisted on Mr. Selby and Mr. HENCHMAN'S going home with him, Mr. HODGSON having gone away before the Treasurer,

rer, for though he had been very facetious at dinner, and for some time after, yet falling into one of his usual fits of forgetfulness, of where he was, or the occasion, he on a sudden started up, and almost upsetting the table with the bottles and glasses, made his retreat, leaving his hat and sword behind, to the no small diversion of the company. Mr. Selby being wholly disengaged, made no objection to Mr. Templeman's invitation; but the Steward said, he must go home to look after his boys; to which Templeman replied, that they might very well for once sup in their wards, which Mr. Selby seconding, he agreed to the proposal, and sent a message to the hospital accordingly.

Mr. Templeman then calling for the master of the house, bid him prepare his bill, and he would call and discharge

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discharge it the next day: the landlord bowed and withdrew, saying, he hoped he had been so happy as to please the Ladies and the Gentlemen. To which Mr. Henchman replied, that every thing had been conducted very well, and he need not doubt, but Mr. Templeman would make him amends for his trouble when he saw him the next day. Then Ben ordered him to send half a dozen bottles of wine to the King's ward; for the boys and nurse to drink his health, *viz.* four of Mountain, as most of the boys would chuse that, and two of Port; ordering that every boy should have a glass, and that what remained, should be divided between the six uppermost and Nurse. Mr. Henchman objected to this, saying, he was afraid there would be too much left, but Templeman told him, that after forty boys had each a glass, there could
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not be above two bottles left, which was only a bottle between six, as Nurse would have a bottle. Then taking his Lady by the hand, he led her to the coach, the two gentlemen following, when they drove off, and quickly arrived at Soho; Thomas sparing horse-flesh, no more than he had done the liquor all the afternoon.

C H. A P. VIII.

What passed below Stairs.

WHILE the company were regaling themselves above stairs, it cannot admit of a doubt, but that the servants were making merry below. For Thomas had observed to his fellow-servant, that as his master (for so he was now to call him, he supposed) was feasting with his guests, it was but reasonable, that their servants should do the same: that there was no reason, as he could see, why poor folks should not eat, drink and be merry, as well as the rich. To which the landlord, who was standing by, replied, Ay! it is an old saying, and a very true one, as I remember ever since I was a boy.

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*'Tis merry in the Hall,
When beards wag all.*

Now what can that mean, gentlemen, (speaking to Thomas and William) but that the servants should be merry when the masters *was*; for who uses the hall but the servants? their masters never sit in it, and if their beards are not to wag, it can be nobody's, as there is no body but them that ever sit there.

This sagacious reasoning quite confirmed Thomas in his opinion; who, to shew his assent, called for a bowl of punch to drink before dinner, and William said, he would make no objection to any thing that was reasonable, and in moderation; but he should not chuse to be extravagant, and affront so good a master, as he had great reason to think

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Mr. Templeman would make them. No, no, gentlemen, replies the landlord; I would not have you, by any means, exceed the bounds of reason and moderation. Here waiter! a crown bowl of punch for these gentlemen; I am sure Mr. Templeman won't think that unreasonable, as there is four of you, and besides you must know, if I should think your bill a little too high, I can tell how to manage to lower it, and eke it out in your master's, as they have had an handsome dinner, and no one shall be the wiser; not even the old Steward, though he has been a vintner himself. Egad, I'd have him know I am better acquainted with the business, than ever he was in his life; I have served in all occupations, from bottle boy, to what you see me; and tho' it is a bold word, gentlemen,

gentlemen, for me to speak, I always gave satisfaction in every station.

Here the punch was brought, which Mr. Sack, (for that was our landlord's name,) received with both his hands, and holding it out, says, Come my lads! here's to his Honour's and his Lady's healths; long may they live, and happy may they be. Upon which he clapt the bowl to his mouth, and took off near as much as one of the coach-horses would have done of water; then handing it to Thomas, as he always looked upon the coachman as the superior servant, says, there my lads, that is *supernaculum*, 'twill do your hearts good, and get you a good stomach to your dinner; you'll excuse me, for I must go to wait on the company, as I see dinner is taking

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up. Thomas took the bowl, and on the landlord's recommendation of its being *supernaculum*, drank the same health to his brother coachman, taking an hearty draught, as the liquor had received such recommendation from Mr. Sack; but upon withdrawing the bowl from his lips, swore that was liquor that would fetch them to a stomach indeed, and give them the gripes into the bargain; for it was nothing but sheer-bet; then calling for the drawer that made it, was told he was gone up stairs, to lay the cloth for his master; so making his complaint to Mrs. Sack, who was in the bar, she replied, she was sure she put in the full quantity of spirits, with her own hands; and if the fellow had drowned it with water, she could not help that; but rather than not give satisfaction,

tisfaction, she'd throw in a glass more, to mend it, if they did not like it; but she was sure, she heard her husband declare, that it was very good, whom she looked upon to be a very good judge of that liquor.

This she might very well afford, for, like a prudent woman, for fear her husband should disorder himself before dinner, and not be capable of waiting upon his company, she had not put in much more than one third of the spirit she ought to have done. Though Mr. Sack had perceived this, yet, as he saved his spirits, he made no scruple to declare it, as he called it, *supernaculum*, or superlatively good. The punch being mended with a full glass of rum, Thomas now handed it to his brother whip, who drank to William, and said, as it was but tolerable now, he was sure it must have been sad stuff

before ; then handing the bowl to William, who would fain have been excused, for the same reason that our landlady had been careful for her husband ; but as Mr. George had declared it to be but tolerable, with some persuasion he took a sip, and handing it to the Treasurer's footman, went up to wait at table, as dinner was now going up, leaving the remaining part of the punch to be finished by the coachmen, and his brother footman. The bowl being finished, Sir George's man drove off, but not without a promise of returning to dine with his brethren as soon as he had put up his horses, which (as he had not far to go) he soon dispatched, and returned before the dinner came down stairs.

So soon as the company had dined, the cloth was laid in a room for the brethren of the shoulder-knot, and the
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two boys by themselves; and the remains, which was sufficient to have served a dozen foot-soldiers after a march, set on the table, our landlord, who came down with the tarts in his hand, entered the room, and seeing the table spread, observed that there was only a few fragments, which, says he, I am afraid, gentlemen, will not be enough for your dinners: I have a nice Buttock of beef in the pot, which I believe is about enough done, which was for my dinner; I'll add it to yours, and I and my wife will dine with you; there will be enough for my people afterward. This, Thomas and his brother whip readily embraced, saying, they should like a slice of hot buttock of beef very well, as it was what, in their small families, they seldom came at; but William objected, observing, he thought there was very sufficient left for double their number;

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that if Mr. Sack and his spouse chose to partake with them, he was certain there was enough, and to spare ; that as there was a fine Sir Loin of roast beef, scarce touched, he did not see any occasion there was for boiled. But the landlord urging it, the assent of the two coachmen, Sir George's footman standing neuter, and the two boys being considered as intruders, and to have no right of voice, if they had spoke, the numbers prevailed, as there were, in the landlord's opinion, three against one.

This was a piece of policy in Mr. Sack, who never intended his beef for his family's dinner, unless it might be the out-side slice for the bottle-boy, that being boiling to cut out among his gill customers the next day or two ; but he judged now he had a good opportunity of putting it into Mr. Templeman's bill ; and, being paid for it,
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he could the better afford to give it away, as he lost nothing by it. The beef was therefore brought to table, and the party-coloured company, without much ceremony, were soon seated, with madam Sack at the head of the table. As soon as the landlord had performed the office of a chaplain, which, being a soldier, he was not long about, Thomas was directly seizing the remaining half of a fine boiled plumb-pudding, which was brought down, but was stopped by William, who told him, he thought he had known better manners than to help himself first, when a Lady (for so he titled Mrs. Sack) was in company ; that his master had given him particular orders, as Mr. Sack had heard, to take care of the two young gentlemen, in regard to the pudding and pye especially. In answer to this, the surly coachman muttered, that he could see no reason why boys should be

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served before men ; that he might love a bit of pudding as well as they ; that the Lady, if she pleased, might help herself, but he hoped to come in for a slice before the boys, or he was sure he should have none. William took no farther notice of this, than saying, that he should obey his master's orders, and handing the pudding to the landlady, desired her to help herself ; which she declining, he cut off two large slices, and gave one to each of the boys ; then, setting the remainder in its place, says, Well, Thomas, as you seem to be so anxious after the pudding, I'll resign my share to you, but hope you'll leave some for the rest of the company ; there is Sir George's servants, and our landlord, as well as you. Thomas was too eager, and fearful of another's being before him, to make any answer, but clapped his knife into the pudding, and carried off to his own plate more than

than two-thirds of it, leaving the rest for the company ; then saying, that he thought it was good to wet the way, called to the boy who attended at table to give him a glass of wine.

While he was drinking, Sir George's footman slyly conveyed his plate away, and placing the dish before him, divided what he had helped himself to into three parts, between the landlord, the coachman, and himself, as Mrs. Sack and William had both refused at the first. This had very near occasioned a quarrel, and most certainly would have done so, had he known whom truly to have charged with it ; but as his suspicion fell upon the landlord, or Sir George's coachman, who sat on each side of him, neither of which he cared to accuse, the one through good manners as a brother whip, and the other, as he was in his own house, and might

might possibly complain to his master, if he should be too troublesome. Sir George's footman, as the Alderman's fat coachman was between them, escaped him; William, who was on the other side the table, it could not be; and neither of the two boys he thought would be so bold; he therefore only muttered, that he thought it very ill-mannered, and, whoever it was, it was a d——d impudent trick in them, as he'd let them know, if he had them in a proper place. To which his fellow-servant replied, in his opinion, it was no more ill manners, than for him to help himself to far the better half, when there were three to come after him, who might like a slice as well as himself; and Sir George's footman told him, he was sorry for his misfortune, and advised him to take another glass of wine, to wash down sorrow. This he furlily refused, saying, If he did, as he
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was among thieves, he might perhaps lose what he had got, and directly fell to devouring what was left in the dish, threatening to eat the more of something else, to make up his loss. His brother whip said, Why, brother, you need not be so angry, you are only served in kind, it is but as we serve our horses, now and then, when we want a pot of beer for ourselves. Though this was an home stroke upon him, yet, as the other had made himself a party, he could not say much; and finding the laugh of the table against him, he sat sulky all dinner-time, resolving to have his quarrel out with William when they came home.

Dinner being ended, and the motley-robed gentry having got their bottle and bowl placed before them, the Bride and Bridegroom's, the King's,
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and some other healths, went merrily round, among which was prosperity to Christ's Hospital, which the surly coachman refused, saying, he should drink no health to a parcel of draggle-tailed boys, for his part; and, when reprimanded by William, for want of respect to his master, and the company above stairs, whom, he said, he had heard drink the same health; he told them, he cared nothing for that, for he would leave his place as soon as he could hear of another, for that he did not chuse to live with one that was worse than himself; that his father had been a topping farmer in the country, but through misfortunes, and the loss of cattle, had fallen to decay, or he should never have gone to service. This Sir George's coachman took up, and told him, there were several boys in their house whose fathers had been topping tradesmen,
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and some merchants sons; that as to Mr. Templeman himself, he had often heard, that he was the the son of a very worthy clergyman in the country; and that his grandfather, by his mother's side, had been, and his elder brother was now, a great farmer; so that he must be superior to him in birth, by his father, and at least equal on his mother's side, as he had heard him say, that his ancestors had been in possession of the farm for upwards of five hundred years.

This being back'd by his fellow-servant, who added, that there were some eminent merchants in London, and some worthy clergymen, who had been educated in Christ's Hospital, Surly fell into a pet, and would have quarrelled with the whole company, had not the landlord interposed, and calling to order, filled the glasses, saying,

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ing, that it was now the time of mirth and jollity, and not of disputing; then taking off his bumper, he struck up the old song of the *Four and Twenty Fiddlers*, &c. This, in some measure, cooled the choler of the coachman, and lest it should again arise, when he had finished his song, and replenished the glasses, he began his own history.

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The history of captain Sack, the master of the house : and a description of a Yorkshire boarding-school.

Gentlemen, says the captain, there is an old proverb, and a very true one : *That it is better to be born fortunate than wise.* Mr. Templeman, you see, has been born fortunate, and I doubt not has gained knowledge enough for his years, though he may not be much experienced in the ways of the world ; but that he'll learn in time. I, for myself, must own, that had it not been for fortune, I could not have been what I am.

As to my father, gentlemen, I never knew who or what he was, but I hope an honest man. My mother, I suppose, was a woman, but she took no
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care of her off-spring ; for whether I was a bastard, or born in lawful matrimony, I could never know ; for my mother, before I was six weeks old, left me, by accident, wrapped up in an hand-basket, at an inn in Holbourn, in the tap-room, where she had called for a pint of beer, and so got rid of her bantling, who is now a captain of the militia of the city of London.

I had not been long in this situation, before I let them know that there was something alive in the basket ; for, being waked out of a sound sleep, I set up a loud roar, above the vociferation of coachmen and carters. Every one was curious to know from whence it proceeded, and, at last, one listening attentively, found the noise came from the box where the woman had sat, and stepping up to the place, 'spied the basket upon
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the bench behind the table, and seeing it move with my struggling, called out, here! here's the noise! the woman that was here just now has left our landlord a present of a pig, or something else. This set the whole company in the room a running to see the basket, and the master of the house was called in out of the kitchen, to see what he had got, who, upon searching the basket, soon discovered its contents, and immediately dispatched a messenger to the church-warden's, with the news of his having a child left with him.

When Mr. Church-warden arrived, I was taken out of my strait cradle; but as I was found in the house, he refused to have any thing to do with me, saying, that the landlord must maintain me, for that the parish had nothing to do with any foundling children, but such as were dropped in the street;

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street ; to this the other replied, that his tap-room was as common as the street, and he could not answer for any thing left there. It was at last agreed, that I should be taken to the work-house that night, and they would settle it at the next Vestry ; but before the beadle, who was attending, carried me away, the mistress of the house came to see me, and taking me in her arms, I smiled very pleasingly in her face ; upon which, she observed that I was a fine child, and bidding the beadle stay a little, said she'd go and see if she had not an old clout or two, and she would examine me, and send me there dry, and with a good bellyful ; that I should not be starved that night. Accordingly she fetched a clean clout, and taking me in her lap, began to unpin my rags, &c. for I suppose I had no better. I still smiled on her, which had such an effect upon the good woman, that when she

ſhe had performed her office, ſhe went to her huſband, who was retired into another room with the church-warden ; and told him that I was a very fine boy, and that it was a pity I ſhould be ſent to the workhouſe ; that, if it was agreeable to her ſpouſe, and to Mr. church-warden, ſhe would keep me till the Veſtry ſhould meet, when things, ſhe hoped, would be decided. This, to ſave charges, the church-warden readily complied with, but the good woman's ſpouſe was not quite ſo ready to grant her requeſt, ſaying, he wanted no brats but his own to keep ; that, if he took me in, the pariſh might oblige him to maintain me ; which the church-warden obviated, by ſaying, no advantage ſhould be made of that, but, that if he and his wife choſe to take care of me till matters ſhould be determined at the Veſtry, he would indemnify him from any charge on that account ;

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account; upon which he replied, then his wife might do as she thought fit; and indeed he very well knew she would have her own way. I was given to the house-maid, to take care of for that night, who had very near killed me with kindness, for she almost choaked me with pap.

Before the Vestry was called, I had, by my pleasing aspect, so far gained upon this good man and his wife, that, as they had then no children, having by death lost two of their own, they were almost determined not to trouble the parish with me, but to bring me up at their own expence.

To cut my story short, gentlemen, when the Vestry met, I was carried as clean drest as my good hostess could make me, to be seen by the church-wardens, and heads of the parish; where,

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it was not long before they came to an agreement to allow my foster father the usual weekly pay for such children, till I was seven years old, when I should be taken into the workhouse, till which time he was to take care of me. I accordingly was taken back to my hospitable landlady, and shortly after, with the addition of something to the parish allowance, was put to nurse in the country, not far from town, where my good friends used to come and see me, and always acted by me as if I had been their own off-spring; whether I was or not, I can't say, for gentlemen used to jest with my father, and tell him, they were sure I was his, or he would never be so fond of me.

As I grew up I quite gained his favour, insomuch, that at the seven years end, he swore, that let me belong to whom I would, I should not go into

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the workhouse, but sent me, at his own expence, down to Yorkshire, which was his own country, to school; there he kept me till I was between thirteen and fourteen years old, though he always sent me a present once a year, when my master came to London; and as he entertained him and his horse while he staid in town, and recommended several other scholars to him, I became a favourite with my master, escaped many a hearty flogging bout, which I might otherwise have had, and got many a bit of victuals more than my allowance, which others wanted; for his price was so low, that we were all of us half-starved, to make both ends meet in house-keeping, that he might get the money for the schooling clear, which he used to say was all he desired.

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When I had spent near seven years with the Yorkshire Pedagogue, the latter part of which time I served him in the two honourable posts of groom and scullion, as well as foot-boy ; so that what with running on errands, helping the maids, and looking after his horse, I had, during the two last years, but little time at school. But as I had before learned to read tolerably, and knew something of the four first rules of arithmetic, my foster father, who was no scollard himself, thought I had done very well ; and judging by my years that I was now fit to shift for myself, I was sent for up to London, where I had not been during my Yorkshire exile.

When I arrived, though I was an hearty well-looking boy of my age, yet I did not answer the idea my foster father had formed of me, and he began

with swearing at my master, for bringing him such an half-starved shrimp, as I was, saying, he thought to have found me fit for service, but he must keep me a twelve-month in his kitchen, before he could get any one to take me. This the Pedagogue ascribed to the fatigue of my journey, which indeed had not been of any service to my looks; for my master, who was to be at the expence of returning me to my friends, having some business of his own to do at London, to save charges had mounted me on a pillow behind him, in which manner I had trotted upwards of two hundred miles; so that I had no more skin left upon my posteriors than if I had been under his hand half a dozen times in a day, and could neither sit, stand, nor walk, without pain. However, bad as I was, I was received very cordially both by father and mother, for so I must call them,

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them, as I knew no other. The good woman pitied my long journey, and having given me a good supper, and stuffed me more plentifully than I had been for some time before, she herself undertook to put me to bed; and having observed my uneasiness, examined me *a posteriori*, and found that I was quite raw, but by an outward application of fresh butter and cream, and a Diacolon plaister, in a few days she brought me to rights. When, by the assistance of a good table, I in a little time began to regain my complexion, though my size was diminutive for my age, nevertheless I was strong and hearty, and my father seemed better pleased every day, saying, he hoped by a little good kitchen-stuff, I should yet grow out.

One day, as he was running out about my growth, I said to him, ah,

dear papa, how can you think I should grow much, who for so many years have been kept upon oat-bread, onion-porridge, or potatoes, and scarce tasted a bit of meat more than once in a week? Upon which he asked, if my master did not eat meat; I told him, Yes; but that he said, too much meat was not good for boys, and a Sunday's dinner was enough for them; that on other days we had sometimes potatoes, sometimes dumplings, as hard as a stone, and now and then, by way of rarity, an oat, or flower hafty-pudding, or, by chance, a mess of rice-milk, and a piece of rank bread and butter, but not half so much of that as we could eat.

This put my friend and father into a passion, who fell a swearing, that he was sure, he had good meat and pudding every day, when he was in town, and his horse good hay and corn; but
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he'd be revenged on him; he should no more feast upon him *gratis*, but should pay as others did, both for himself and his horse; and that he would be one with him; which he soon performed. For, as through his recommendation he had several boys sent down to him from London, so, at his instigation, no less than six were recalled to town by their parents, when they heard in what manner they lived at school.

But come, gentlemen, you sit thirsty; why don't you push the bowl about? talking is dry work, gentlemen, and if I don't drink I must finish my story before I have half done, just as I am come to the very marrow of it. Upon this he took the bowl, drank a hearty draught, and then proceeded.

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Well, gentlemen, as I was saying, I was taken from school, and as I was now come to live with my father, as I thought, at that time, not knowing any thing to the contrary, I expected great things ; that I was to have nothing now to do, but to take my pleasure (alas ! how full of vanity are the expectations of giddy youth !) I had not long enjoyed my fancied pleasures, but my father, thinking that I was now able to make him some return for the charge he had been at in my education, as I was about fourteen years of age. When I had been in town about a fortnight, [he put me into the tap-room, to assist the tapster in drawing of beer, running of errands, or to do any thing about the house, that I was capable of : if I chanced to grumble at any thing, I was threatened to be turned out into the street, or into the stable, and called an ungrateful rascal, though I could
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not tell wherein I was ungrateful. It is true, I sometimes grumbled, and thought my father did not use me kindly, in sending me into the tap-house, and obliging me to fetch in the pots, and to perform several other servile and mean employments, and to eat with the servants, instead of sitting, as I used to do, at his table.

One day, after I had been about three months in this station, as he happened to be in the tap-room, and nobody there but myself, I took the liberty to tell him, that I did not like that life, for that I heard so much swearing, cursing, and such bad discourse, among the waggoners, coachmen and porters, that I could not endure it, and begged him to put me apprentice to some trade, if it was but a taylor, or shoe-maker, that I might be freed from it. This he heard very

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patiently, tho' at that time he made me no answer, but went out of the tap-room, though, as I could perceive, not without shewing some marks that I had made an impression upon him; and, I suppose, after having had some talk with his wife, who was always my friend. In about an hour after he called me into his bar, and taking me into a little room, that was behind, bid me sit down, and not be afraid; for, I imagine, he perceived by my countenance I was in fear that he would beat me, for what I had before said to him: This made me look a little more cheerful, when having seated himself, he ordered me to shut the door, (but drink, gentlemen; my service to you; to the good Gentleman and Lady's health; may they live long and happy together; the bowl having gone round again, he went on.)

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So, gentlemen, after I had shut the door, as I was bid, my supposed father began ; Andrew, I am now going to let you into a secret, as it has always hitherto been to you, and which must necessarily surprise you very much ; but, I would not have you cast yourself down upon it, for you shall always, child, find me as ready to serve you, as I have done hitherto, so long as you behave yourself well ; but I must tell you, my boy, that though I have brought you up as I would have done a boy of my own, had I ever had one to have lived to your age ; yet you are not my son, nor any relation to me, as I know of. This put me into a flood of tears ; however, after some time, I got out ; Then do, dear Sir, let me know who my parents are, and where they live, that I may go to them ? That is, replied he, more child than I am able to do, as I never knew them myself. Your mo-

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ther, or some one else, one night, about fourteen years ago, (for we judged you about a month old) came into the tap-room, and after drinking a draught of beer, went away, leaving behind her a basket, in which you was laid. She had not been gone long before you let us know there was something alive; diligent search was made after the woman, but all in vain; the parish-officers were sent for, and you had been carried to the work-house, had it not been for your mistress; who, good woman, took compassion on you, and persuaded me to take you, and bring you up. Hitherto the parish have made me some small allowance towards your maintenance; but now, they say, you are fitting to get your own living, and to go out into the world, so that they'll allow no more, and you are now wholly dependant upon me, or yourself. If you'll be a good boy, and mind your business, you shall
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never want a friend in me, or my wife, so long as either of us live, and perhaps we may find some way to make a man of you, as you grow up. At this I fell upon my knees, and, with tears in my eyes, promised that I would never offend him willingly, or knowingly, but that I would do every thing he should set me to, without any grudging or grumbling, as I found I must no longer think him my father, but my good friend and master. Don't be afraid, my dear, says he ; I tell you I'll continue to be your friend. Go, go to your mistress, and tell her to send me the canary, and a glass, and do you bring it. Accordingly I went, but could scarce get out, Ma'am, for blubbering and crying : Hey-day, says the good woman, what's the matter with the boy, has any body been beating you ? No, replied I, as well as I could speak ; it's worse, my master has told me I am
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not his son, and that I must call him master, and not father, or papa, as I used to do. Well my dear, says she, never mind it, you may be as good a man's son for ought I know, and as long as you behave well, you shall never want a friend; but what did you want with me? I then told her what I was sent for, which having got, I returned to my master, who taking the bottle and glass, says, Come, my boy! don't be dismayed, or cast down, you may make a good man for all this; and pouring out a glass, continues, Come my boy! here's to your well doing; behave yourself well, and I'll be your friend and father. Having drank his glass, he gave me a full bumper, saying, Cheer up my boy! this will do you good; drink it off, and then I'll tell you more. I obeyed his commands, (I can remember it, gentlemen, as if it was but yesterday) after I had drank,
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he went on ; Andrew, fays he, as what your other name may be, I know not, for there was no note found with you, not even to tell whether you were ever chriftened or not ; fo we had you baptifed, Andrew, after the parifh where you were found, I and one of the church-wardens being God-fathers ; and you find we have performed our duty, in bringing you up better than moft do. I am glad to hear the reafon you gave me this morning for not liking to be in the tap-room ; as foon as I can get another boy, I'll releafe you, and you fhall either ftay with me, and be waiter to the rooms, or I'll put you out 'prentice to a trade ; fo tell me now which you'd chufe, and I'll act accordingly.

I confidered a little while, and then told him I fhould be very loath to leave him, and if he pleafed to make
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me his waiter in the inn, I should be very glad to stay with him. Very well, my boy! says he, I'll be as good as my word; you need not trouble yourself any more about getting in of pots or doing any thing in the tap-room, only if there happens to be a good deal of company, at any time, you must assist in drawing beer, as much as you can be spared from your own business; the under hostler shall do the rest; so you may now go and dress yourself, to be ready to wait at table, when the company come in to dinner. I gladly obeyed, and making my *quondam* father, now my master, a low bow, left him. I went and washed up quite clean, got my hair powdered at the barber's, and dressed quite from top to toe, putting on a clean white waistcoat, white stockings, and my best pumps, which you might see your face in, and a clean blue apron, which I had
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to wear on Sundays, and down I came into the kitchen. The cook, as soon as she saw me, cried out, What do you do here ! why don't you mind your tap-room ? How came you dressed so to-day ? Why your things will be so dirty before Sunday they won't be fit to be seen. Before I could return an answer, the bar-bell rang, upon which I ran out, to begin to exercise my new office ; when I came to the bar, my mistress says, Well, Andrew, I see you are dressed ; upon my word you'll make a smart waiter for a tavern ; see and get your cloth and things ready for the best dining-room, and let us see how you can lay a cloth, and set out a side-board.

Though I had never done such a thing before, yet, as I had seen it done, I managed tolerably well, and neither my master nor mistress found any fault.

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In this station I continued about three weeks, when my master called me to him again, and told me that he liked my performance as a waiter very well, and that now, if it was to my liking, he would take me apprentice to him, and that after my time was out, if I behaved well, he would do something for me. I, who knew no other friend but him, had no alternative, therefore very readily consented, telling him, I was very willing to do any thing that he should desire ; upon which he called me a good boy, took me in his arms, and embraced me, and gave me a shilling. We immediately set out for Vintner's-Hall, where I was that day bound to him for seven years, by the name of *Andrew Sack*, a name he was pleased to impose upon me, for what reason I know not ; but it is the name I have ever since gone by.

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When I had served about four years of my time, during which I had picked up from the customers about ten pounds, which I had saved, besides what I had spent, in extra cloaths and pocket-money ; one morning, my master calling me into his bar, told me, that he thought I might now do much better than with him ; and that as I had hitherto behaved myself well to him, he did not doubt but that I would do the same by another ; therefore, if I was willing, he would look out for a turn-over for me, in some eminent tavern, where I might complete myself in my business. I told him I was very willing to be directed by him, and was ready to comply with any thing he should advise, but had no desire to leave him. He replied, what he had offered was for my own benefit ; that he had no inclination to part from me, but for my own advantage, for that I could not learn my business

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business completely with him, as he had but very little of the cellar business, which I ought to understand, as well as waiting at table, and for which I might afterwards have occasion, either as a journeyman or master. I thanked him for his advice, and told him, I would follow his directions.

In a little time he procured me a place in one of the best taverns in town, where I served the remaining part of my time, and became a complete master of my business, both in the cellar and above stairs. When I came out of my time I was master of fifty pounds, which I had saved out of my vails. After I had taken up my freedom, my last master, upon a vacancy, offered me the place of cellarman, with very good wages, which I accepted, and lived with him about three years, during which time I saved money, and began to think
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of marrying, and settling myself in business. I consulted my foster father, who had a very pretty daughter, with whom I had been brought up from my infancy, and for whom I had a great regard ; but to this, I found him totally averse. He told me, he had always had a great regard for me, and would continue my friend ; and, if I married prudently, I should not want an hundred or two to put me into business, but that I must by no means think of becoming his son-in-law, but advised me rather to look out for some widow, that was already settled in trade. I believe he had great reason to deny it, for it was the general opinion of the neighbours, that I was nearer related to him than he chose to own, nor was his wife quite clear from suspicion. However, I thought his advice very good, and was resolved to follow it the first opportunity ; it was not long before
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one offered, for hearing of a person being wanted, at this very house where we now are, to look after the cellar and manage the house, the master being eat up with the gout, and other disorders, which rendered him wholly incapable of doing it himself; I consulted my patron thereon, who gave me his advice, to try for it, telling me, that it was impossible the old man could live long, that there would then be a good brisk widow, well settled in trade, and worth money besides, if I could gain her; which, as I was a likely young fellow, he said, he thought was very probable; and, that no time might be lost, he set out with me directly, to recommend me, and I obtained the place.

In about six months after I had been here, my master died; and, before the
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twelvemonth was out, I had so far ingratiated myself with my mistress, that she thought it better to marry one who understood how to manage her affairs, than one who did not ; and, after some little objections, as to point of fortune, matters of settlement, and the like, which my foster father helped me to get over, she took me ; and now, gentlemen, here I stand master of the Fountain Tavern, and captain of the City Militia.

As to my foster father, he always remained my friend, as long as he lived, which was not above two years after my marriage, and at his death he left me very handsome, making me his executor, and almost equal to his own daughter, to whom he made me guardian, and whom I have since married, very advantageously ; for, had my wife died, I could not have thought of marrying her myself, for fear I should
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turn nature upon herself, which I abhorred. But come, gentlemen, let us drink round, and replenish the bowl; I warrant I manage the bill, so as no fault shall be found. He then took the bowl, drank what was in it, and called his waiter to fill it again.

CHAP.

C H A P. X.

The Evening concludes at the Lady's.

WHEN Mr. Sack had finished his story, and they had just got a full bowl of punch, Sir George's coach was called for, so that our party-coloured gentry had only time to drink together standing, and the coachman went off to fetch his carriage, which he soon returned with, when Sir George and his Lady withdrew.

As soon as they were gone, Mr. Templeman called for the landlord, bidding him get his bill of the day ready against the next day, and ordered his coach, which soon conveyed him and his Lady, Mr. Selby and

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Mr. HENCHMAN to the Lady's house in Soho, where they spent a very pleasant and agreeable evening; the bridegroom sung, the Lady played upon her harpsichord till supper time, when they withdrew into the dining room, where the table was spread with a very elegant entertainment, which Mrs. Templeman had ordered to be prepared; after which, having sat till it was time to retire, during which time, the bottle was pushed pretty quick about, between the two gentlemen and the Lady's Attorney, who had been previously invited to supper, till Mrs. Pinup came and asked her Lady, if she would not choose to undress. Upon this hint, the Lady withdrew, and Mr. Selby taking the same hint, told the gentlemen, that it was late and time to be going, and desired that the footman might be sent for

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an hackney coach, though Mr. Templeman had very politely offered his, but that, they absolutely refused. William was not long before he returned with an hack, and the gentlemen wishing Mr. Templeman an happy night, took their leaves and retired.

They were no sooner gone, than Mrs. Pinup, who understood her business, entered, and dropping a low curtesy to her master, told him with a smile, that her Lady was gone to bed, and expected him. Mr. Templeman made no reply, but with all the haste of a young amorous bridegroom, followed her to the Lady's apartment. But, being unwilling to disclose the secrets of the marriage bed, we shall now take our leave of them, for the night; and in the fol-

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lowing chapters, shall inform the readers of Mr. Templeman's taking his leave of the house, his visit to his mother, and various other incidents which have fallen into our hands, and which, though we here intended to have concluded this work, we nevertheless think it may not be amiss to lay before our readers.

CHAP.

C H A P. XL

*Ben and his Lady visit Sir George: He
takes leave of the house.*

I Shall not now trouble my readers with how the young Gentleman and his Lady passed the night, or at what time they arose; let it suffice, that if they were not up quite so soon as the lark chanted her mattins, they did not lie 'till the bird of night whooted her vespers, but arose between both; and at the time when Phœbus was mounting the steep of heaven, sat down to breakfast together, when Mrs. Templeman, to shew how well she approved her choice, gave her spouse the keys of her drawers, in which, she told him, he would find the writings of her estate, and what government securities she

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was worth, which she now put into his care and possession. Ben took the keys with a bow, and thanking her, said, He hoped he should be able to make her a good steward, and shew himself worthy of the great trust and confidence she reposed in him, for which he was able to make no return, but that of love and gratitude.

After breakfast, whilst the Lady was dressing, Mr. Templeman went to examine the contents of the drawers, where he found a list of bank and other government securities, for upwards of three hundred thousand pounds; besides the writings of the Lady's estate in the country, upon looking into which, he was greatly surprized to find, that this was no other than his elder brother's farm, which had been bought by old Getall, a little before

before his death, as a place to retire to, whenever he should have made up his plumb, but was arrested by death, before he had got quite half way. There were also several private bonds and notes, which he then had not time to peruse; only one, which by chance fell into his hands, which was a note of hand of Mr. Henchman's for fifty pounds, for wine bought of the old man; this he put into his pocket for immediate use, then locking up the drawers, dressed himself, to be ready to attend his Lady to the hospital.

As soon as the Lady was dressed and the chariot brought to the door, they got in, and were soon conveyed to Sir George's, who, as he expected them, had ordered his dinner later than his usual time, and had staid at home on purpose to receive them;

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and when they arrived, taking Templeman by the hand, again wished him joy of his good fortune ; telling him, he hoped he'd take care to use it so as to deserve it ; then paying his respects to the Lady, handed her to a chair. They then sat and talked of indifferent matters, till the rest of the company arrived, except Mr. Hodgson, who, by a strange fatality, incident to mathematicians, had forgot he was to dine with the Treasurer, and had gone to Dolly's, (a place he much frequented) to get himself a mutton chop for dinner ; but upon being sent for, recollected himself, and came away with the messenger, leaving his chop untouched, and his reckoning unpaid.

When he came to the Treasurer's, which he soon did, and in pretty good order, only without his hat,
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which he had left behind him at the chop-house in his hurry, he began to make an apology to Sir George, for having given him the trouble of sending for him; but the Knight told him, he did not think it any trouble, as it was but just by, and he considered forgetfulness as a natural failing in Gentlemen of his profession. He now sat down and began to be very chatty, 'till Mr. Selby, who observed him come without his hat, asked him if he would not lay down his hat; when putting his hand to his left arm, under which he oftener wore it than on his head, he found he had left it behind him. Odsso, Peter! says he, why, you could see I had none, but it does not signify now, I can go home without it, as well as I came; a hat is of very little use to me, for I seldom wear one; it serves only to heat the

head, which, in us studious persons, should be always kept cool : do you think our boys would turn out half so good scholars as they do, if they were to have their heads loaded, and their brains heated by hot heavy hats, as by wearing their little round caps, which always keep their heads cool and clear, which is a great help to the understanding ? To this Sir George replied, That he thanked him for his philosophical discourse that he had given them about caps and hats ; but that, in his opinion, notwithstanding this, the reason why the boys wore round caps, was rather, because it was the mode of the times when the hospital was first founded, and that the original founders did not think so much about keeping their heads cool, as about the dress of the age. To which Mr. Selby rejoined, that he must be of Sir George's opinion,

pinion, as their cloathing was the ancient vest and tunic, and that the reason why the house allowed no (*k*) *breeches*, was, not to keep the boys back-fides cool, but because they were not, at the time the hospital was founded, breeched till they were twelve or fourteen years of age, and therefore, they were not a part of the habit of young boys in that age, or else he made no doubt, but they would have been considered as such by their pious founders. Upon this the Lady asked her spouse, if he did not wear breeches when she first saw him? adding, she did not think she had married a tall boy in petticoats. Yes, Madam, replied he, though the house does not allow them, yet they never deny any of the boys to wear them, who have friends to find them; I wore breeches before I was in the house, and have done the same ever since, as Mr.

Henchman, till lately, can very well assure you, as he has often seen them. To this Mr. Henchman replied, that for his part, he had never seen Mr. Templeman without a pair of breeches on ; but the reasons why he might sometimes have occasion to see them, he begged leave to be excused mentioning. Here the footman bringing word that dinner was upon the table, the discourse ended.

Sir George now handed Mrs. Templeman, and Mr. Selby Sir George's Lady into the dining-room ; the rest of the company following them ; where being seated, with the bride and bridegroom at the head of the table, they eat and drank very plentifully, the Knight having prepared a very handsome dinner for them. After dinner, and the glass had gone round, Mr. Selby was taking his leave
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to go to his boys, but the Treasurer told him he would excuse him for that day, and would send to the school, that they should be dismissed, as it was Thursday, at three o'clock, without giving him the trouble to (*l*) catechise them; and he might therefore be very easy on that head. He then desired the favour of Mr. Templeman, his Lady, and the rest of the good company, to do him the honour of drinking tea at his house, which they complied with; only, Mr. Templeman made a small objection, that as it was Thursday, in going thro' the compting-house yard, and the boys being about, he might be followed by them, which his Lady might dislike; though for his own part he should not at all mind it. This both the Treasurer and Mr. Henchman obviated, by saying, that they would take care that the yard should be clear of
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the boys. To which Mr. Templeman bowed, and said that he must beg the favour to leave the company a little time before the boys came from school, to go and take leave of his nurse, and to go to the compting-house for his discharge. To this Sir George told him, that as to the latter he need not trouble himself, for that he had taken care of; and as to the first he might do as he pleased; that he might send by the beadle in waiting, the clerk's fees for his discharge, or might pay them himself by and bye, when they went to the compting-house, as he purposed shewing the Lady the court room and the pictures there. Templeman chose the latter, saying, he knew it was his Lady's desire, that he should leave the house in a handsome manner, therefore he should be glad to take his discharge and pay the fees himself.

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Then telling his Lady he would leave her with Sir George's Lady and the company a few minutes, while he went to his Nurse, as he did not think it proper to take her up two pair of stairs into a dirty ward ; to this the Lady making no objection, he departed.

As he went through the cloysters, he was met by the first of the grammar school, who was going to his master for orders, in regard to the boys, as it was almost three o'clock, and to ask, if there was to be any catechising, who pulled off his cap to his old friend Ben ; but seeing him so richly drest, and a footman attending him, (for he had taken William with him) did not speak to him. Ben's exaltation having given him no more haughtiness than was necessary for an upper Blue-coat boy, he called
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him by his name, saying, What, have you forgot your old friend and companion, that you don't speak to him? No, Sir, replies the boy, but seeing you so richly drest, I did not know but you might think it too presuming in me; not in the least, replies Ben, for I assure you, that no fortune, was it ten times what I now have, would ever make me forget my old friends and the place of my education, and I should be always glad to see any of them at my house, when they have stripped off their blue baize, though it is not so convenient for me to ask them before; but I assure you, my friend, I shall sometimes come and visit you; I am now going to see my Nurse, and if you'll accompany me, we'll talk a little as we go along; you will have no catechise to-day, by the Treasurer's orders, with whom I have left my Lady, whilst I

go up into the ward, to take my leave of Nurse, and you know who else ; but of that no more ; I am now married, and must think of no one but my wife ; though, I shall make the girl a present now and then, as an amends for former kindnesses, if she behaves well, and if she marries agreeably, may give her an hundred or so for a portion. You must, Sir, says the boy, be married very rich, as you talk of giving away an hundred or so, with so much indifference, but your dress shews you to have an affluent fortune, if you have not spent too much upon it ; for I never saw any one more richly dressed in my life. That may be, says Ben, but what would you have said, had you seen me yesterday ? this is only my second suit, my best is much richer, I assure you.

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They had by this time come to the bottom of the stairs, where Mr. Templeman calling to his servant, ordered him to go to the Vine, in the Friars, and bring a couple of bottles of Madeira, asking him, if he had money about him to pay for them, which being answered in the affirmative, he bid him make haste, and bring them up into the ward, where he had been before; then asking his friend to take a glass with him, they walked up stairs: when they came to the mathematical school-door, Ben desired his friend to step in and to call the first of that school out, and bring him up into the ward, but not to say any thing to whom; and also to send one of the boys to the grammar school, to the second of that school, to dismiss the boys at three o'clock without any catechise; telling him, he need not fear any thing, for
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that both Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Selby were engaged at the Treasurer's, and would neither of them be at school that afternoon; that, he supposed, the Treasurer had sent himself to the school by that time: the boy did as he was desired, and soon, together with the other, followed Ben up to the ward, overtaking him before he was come to the head of the stairs.

When they came to the ward door, they found it locked, and knocking hard, the maid soon came to open it, when seeing Mr. Templeman, she stared like one amazed, dropt her curtesy, and they entered. Mrs Nurse, who was at the upper end of the ward, seeing a gentleman bedaubed with gold, with a bag and sword, came forward to meet him, not knowing whom it might be. When she came up and saw whom it was, she addressed

addressed him, Well, Mr. Templeman ! I hear the affair is finished, I give you joy of your happiness, and wish you may live long to enjoy it. I thank you, Nurse, says he, I came to take my leave of you, and to return you thanks for all former favours ; I have ordered my servant to bring a bottle of wine, that we may take a parting glass ; I hope your daughter is well, though I have no desire to see her ; yet, if she turns out a good girl, I may be a friend to her hereafter. Ah, poor Sukey ! replies her mother, I can assure you, the girl has a great love for you ; I sent her out of the way, as soon as I heard you was at the Treasurer's, that she might not see you, she takes it so to heart, your being married and leaving her, as she says. Why, it is true, Nurse, says he, I had some regard for the girl, I believe she had a respect

spect too for me ; but I never thought she could imagine that I should have married her: I am sure, I never told her I would, nor had I ever any thought of it. Here, Nurse, is something to buy her a new gown; upon which he pulled out his purse and gave her five guineas, saying; This fit will soon wear off, when it does, I may sometimes call and see her; then turning to the first of his ward, says, you must try and comfort Sukey as well as you can, and make her amends for her loss.

William now brought the wine, and they went into Mrs. Nurse's apartment, where being seated and glasses brought, Ben poured out a glass and drank Nurse's health, with thanks to her for all former favours; then, taking her aside, put a couple of guineas into her hand, as an acknowledgment

ment thereof ; after which, sitting down again a little while, and drinking prosperity to the hospital, he said, he should be glad to see his boy *King* ; Nurse immediately dispatched her maid to call him. When he came, he gave him a glass of wine, and as it is usual, when an upper boy leaves the house, to give their boy something, he put a guinea into his hand, told him there was something for him to remember him, and that he would let him know hereafter, where it was he lived, and he might now and then come and see him. Then turning to the first of his ward, says, I suppose you expect something to drink my health ; well, I won't break old customs, there's half a guinea for you and the fix uppermost to drink ; and there is also a guinea for yourself to buy you something to remember me by, provided you finger none of the
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other, which I intend shall all be drunk out at different times, as Nurse shall think proper: and, Sir, to the first of the house, if you'll accept of the same token of friendship, you'll do me a favour; you shall know where I live, and when you have laid aside your baize trammels, I shall be glad to see either of you. The boys both bowed and thanked him for his favour, saying, they should not forget him; he then took a third glass, drank to both their healths, and success to them in life, took leave of his Nurse and departed, taking the two boys with him, to prevent the impertinence of the boys, who by this time were dismissed, and whom he very well knew, would interrupt him, by stopping him to ask how he did, bidding him farewell, and the like, unless he had a guard, whose authority could keep them off. As he passed by William, who waited for him

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him in the ward, he told him, he might as well stay and drink a glass of wine with Nurse and the boys, who would be back presently ; for that he should not want any thing with him this hour, and to call upon him at Mr. Selby's at four o'clock. As he passed the maid, he also dropt her a present of half a guinea, and then returned to the Treasurer's, the boys guarding him to the door, with whom he then shook hands, bidding them farewell, and saying he would have them go back and finish their wine.

When he came to Sir George's, he found the company ready to go to Mr. Selby's to tea, the Treasurer taking them thro' his garden to the compting-house, where he shewed the Lady the court-room, and the pictures of the several (*m*) founders and benefactors to the hospital. Ben now
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obtained his discharge in form, and made Sir George an handsome present for the use of the hospital; from thence they went thro' the yard, (Mr. Henchman having driven away the boys, and placed a beadle to keep them out,) to Mr. Selby's house, where they drank tea and coffee, and were very chearful. Mr. Hodgson having laid aside the mathematician for that afternoon, proved very good and diverting company.

After tea, Mr. Henchman desired the favour of the bride and bridegroom and the rest of the company to sup at his house, which was agreed to after a little objection from Mrs. Templeman, who said, she was afraid they should make it late, that she did not like to have to drive through the streets in the dark; but, nevertheless, as it was so much the desire of Mr.

Henchman and the company, she could not refuse them.

William being by this time come to Mr. Selby's, his master ordered him to go and bid Thomas bring the chariot (which was set up in Sir George's coach-house, and the horses in his stable) to the church gate; then turning to Mr. Henchman, desired him to favour him with his company to the tavern, to pay off the bill of the wedding dinner : this the company would fain have persuaded him from, saying another day might do as well, that the man might surely stay till the next day ; and Mr. Henchman declared, that he had always thought himself very well off, if on such an occasion, he was paid in a month afterwards ; but Ben answered, that he never chose to be worse than his word ; that he had promised to come and
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discharge it that day ; that if he did not, he must have a journey into the city on purpose ; that his Lady and he proposed going into the country in a day or two, to visit their estate, and to squander a little away upon their tenants ; therefore he thought it best to go at present, as he was so near, and it would not take up above half an hour's time.

When the chariot was ready, which was not long, Mr. Templeman and the Steward went to the Fountain ; as they were going, Ben took out his pocket-book to look for a note, as he had not cash enough to pay (as he imagined) for the yesterday's dinner, when, among others, he found Mr. Henchman's note, which he presented to him, saying, please, Sir, to accept of that, for the good services you have done me. The old gentle-

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man looked at it, and seeing his own hand, replied, Sir, I am greatly obliged to you for your kindness, and the more so, as I should have found some difficulty to have paid it for some time, though, had the old fellow lived, I must have done it, or paid him a very high interest till I paid him ; and, indeed Sir, your Lady's Attorney was with me but on Tuesday about it, telling me, that his client was shortly to be married, and that he must make up his accompts, tho' indeed he added, that if I could not conveniently pay it off in three weeks or a month's time, he would pay it into your hands, who, perhaps, might have longer forbearance than it was consistent with his profession, or duty to his client to allow me ; this, it is true, did not give me so much uneasiness, as it might have done, had I not known into whose hands the
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note was to fall. Sir, replies Ben, you might be well assured that I would not have suffered you to have been put to any inconvenience, much less brought into any trouble on my account. I purpose to give all the old man's debtors sufficient time to pay off their debts, and if I find any that are not able, I shall not be troublesome to them, as there is enough, if they were all lost. This, Mr. Henchman told him was a laudable resolution, and worthy a gentleman of honour, as he did not doubt, but there would be some found, who were perhaps more unable to pay than himself, and that it would be a great pity to throw a person into a goal, who might be a very honest industrious man, for not doing that which was not in his power to do, and by that means render him for ever incapable of paying either the one or the o-

ther of his creditors, and so totally ruin both him and his family ; tho' indeed there were some people, who could very well pay their debts, were they but willing, and that such ought to be forced to do it. Ben would have made a reply to this, and told him, that the worst might be able sometime or other to pay, if they had time given them, and if they had any sense of gratitude, for the lenity shewed them, would do it ; but the chariot stopping he omitted it, saying, he was of the same opinion as Mr. HENCHMAN. The chariot no sooner stopt, than Mr. Sack was at the door ready to receive his customers ; upon seeing whom it was, he paid him a profound reverence, saying, Indeed, Sir, I did not expect to have seen your honour to-day ; for though you said you would call in the morning, yet I could not think that any young Gentleman would
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leave so fine a Lady the morning after marriage, to come to pay a tavern-bill. I hope, Sir, you are not offended ; I loves to be jocular. Mr. HENCHMAN replied, No, no, Mr. Sack ! Mr. Templeman won't be offended at you ; it is common for us old men, who have had our day, to jest with the young ones on such occasions ; but where is your bill ? for we have not long to stay. Oh, Sir ! replies Mr. Sack, that shall be ready presently ; it is already made out, but I hope his honour will be so good as to drink a glass of my cordial *supernaculum* with me.—Pray, Sir, how does your honour's Lady do ? I hope she is well ; I dare say she is pleased with her choice. I fancy, Mr. Sack, answers Mr. HENCHMAN, she has no reason to find fault. I believe she did not sleep so much last night, as she used to do in old *Getall's* time. What Sir ! says Sack, was the Lady old *Getall's* rich widow ? I, for my

part, thought she had been some young Lady with a great fortune; well, she is not the worse for wear; the old man never spoiled her shapes, though I don't know what his Honour may have done. You'll pardon my jocularities, Sir? Very readily, Mr. Sack, replies Templeman. But let us have the bill, we have no time to stay; my Lady expects my return, and Mr. Henchman's boys will soon want him. Please to walk in and sit down a moment, Gentlemen. Here! Harry! shew into the best room; and then, do you hear, get up a bottle of my best cordial wine. I'll wait on you in a moment, Gentlemen.

The man immediately obeyed, and they were conducted into the same room wherein they had dined the day before, and he brought them up a bottle of rich old Canary, and one of Burgundy. Mr. Henchman tasted the Sack, and said,

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It was a cordial indeed, but not fit for an afternoon ; that he found *Sack* knew what was good, and that he supposed that was some old wine he kept for particular customers, or perhaps for his own drinking a glass of now and then, as occasion might happen ; then tasting the Burgundy, said, that would do ; it was excellent in its kind, and that they might very well venture upon a glass or two of that, though he thought the other too rich and too strong, to drink above one glass of it.

By this time Mr. Sack appeared, and presented his bill to Mr. Templeman, who gave it to Mr. Henchman to look over ; he, faddling his nose, perused it, and then said to Mr. Sack, I see, Sir, you have here charged a Buttock of beef ; I fancy you have made a mistake, for I saw none, and punch ; What ! I suppose the servants had that ; but I

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think they were a little extravagant, as well as in beer, of which, I observe, they had a large quantity, for we had very little. Oh ! Sir, replies Mr. Sack, you have been a Vintner yourself, and you know very well, that servants at these times love to live well ; I could not deny them a bowl or two of punch, as there were four of them, besides the two boys ; it is true they did not drink much, and as for the beef, his Honour ordered me to provide him an handsome dinner. I am sure I did my best, and hope he will not be offended if I took the liberty of adding a joint for the servants, to what remained from your table ; for servants, you know, Sir, on such occasions, expect to have a dish for themselves, besides what comes from their master's table, and also to have a little good liquor to drink, and as they chose punch, I hope his Honour will not be angry that I indulged them with it.

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No, Mr. Sack, says Ben; for once at a wedding, we'll pass it by; but pray, Mr. Henchman, do you find any thing else amiss? Why no Sir, says he; I think the other articles are a very fair charge, and reasonable. Then Sir, replies Mr. Templeman, what may be the whole amount? Why Sir, the wine, dinner, desert, and every thing, amounts to fifteen pounds eight shillings and sixpence; as to the odd half-pence, Mr. Sack, I take off, as you know is always customary. Mr. Templeman then pulled out his pocket-book, and gave Mr. Sack a fifty pound bank note to exchange, telling him, he had not cash about him to pay him in, therefore he must desire him to change that. Sack looked at it, and said, this, Sir, is currency, I'll fetch you change directly; I have it not in my pocket, though I have in the house. I, gentlemen, can always change an hundred pound bill

upon sight, if I like it, as I am never without that cash by me. I am glad Mr. HENCHMAN, my old brother VINTNER, that you do not find fault with my bill; you and I have both known old GETALL; he was rightly named, for he would get all he cou'd; he was so hard that I could never deal with him but once, and then he run me so near, that I would never go to him again, as I always went with the ready in my hand. But, Sir, I'll fetch you your change. He then made his bow and departed, and soon returned with the whole, which Mr. Templeman having told, (though not quite so quick as a banker's clerk) he paid the bill, leaving also a guinea for the servants. Mr. Templeman and Mr. HENCHMAN now arose from their seats to depart, but Mr. SACK insisted that they must take a glass of his *supernaculum* before they went, assuring them, that it was what he kept for his

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own drinking, that he had but little of it, and always took a gill every morning himself. Mr. Henchman then told Ben, that as Mr. Sack was so desirous of their drinking a glass with him, he believed one glass would not hurt him, but he would not desire him to venture upon more, for he well knew the effect of that wine, that it was very potent; then turning to Mr. Sack, said, Sir, can I ask the favour of you to send me a bottle of this sack, and two of the same Burgundy as we have here, and a couple of bottles of your best claret immediately to my house, and you'll oblige me? they are for this gentleman, his Lady, and the rest of his company who were here yesterday; if you deceive me you'll be found out. Mr. Sack promised they should be sent directly, and they departed.

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When they returned to Mr. Selby's, they found the company engaged in a party of Commerce; they insisted on Mr. Templeman's making one with them, though he would fain have excused himself, saying, he knew nothing at all of the game, but the ladies insisted upon it, that they must have some of his money, and Mr. Henschman promising to stand by and to instruct him, he sat down at the table, and though he was generally used to be pretty lucky, yet he now lost almost every stake, and before the company broke up, to go to supper, he had lost five shillings, which displeased him greatly, not for the loss of his money, but his bad luck.

After the second pool, they adjourned to Mr. Henschman's, who had provided a genteel, though not a grand supper for them. Mr. Selby greatly commended it, and said it was such a feast as his
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old friend Horace invited his friend Torquatus to partake of; this he might have omitted, for not one in the company but himself knew any thing of Horace, or Torquatus either, unless perhaps Mr. Hodgson might remember to have in his youth heard of such persons, but as to the entertainment he had forgot it, if he had ever read it. But, upon Mrs. Templeman's asking who those gentlemen were, Mr. Selby replied, it would take up too long time now, Madam, to inform you; after supper I'll acquaint you with both the persons, and the entertainment. He then said Grace, and the company took their seats at the table, and as Mr. Henschman kept no man-servant, they were waited on by two of the boys. After supper, when the wine was placed upon the table, and the boys gone, cards were again proposed, but was by Sir George, and the greatest part of the company,

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company, refused, the Knight and his Lady, and Mrs. Templeman, saying, it would make it too late; that they had rather sit and chat a little while after supper, and then go home: and Mrs. Templeman, in order to divert the cards, said to Mr. Selby, you promised, Sir, to tell us, after supper, who the two gentlemen were, and what was their entertainment. I will, Madam, replies he: Torquatus was a great man in Rome, a famous counsellor, and one of the poet Horace's chief friends; on which account he wrote him an elegant epistle in verse, to invite him to sup with him: the epistle I could repeat to you, but as it is Latin, Madam, am afraid it would not be understood by the majority of this company; but I can remember a parody of it, which I made when I was at college, and, if you please, you shall hear that, which may give you some idea of the original. The
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Lady thanked him, saying, she should be very glad to hear it ; and Sir George and the company joining her, he began. Horace, Madam, having a mind to invite his friend to sup with him, writes to him in the following manner :

*A Parody on the fifth epistle of the first book
of Horace's epistles.*

*Could you, my friend, your goat polite
forsake,*

*And with a friend, of homely cheer partake,
I here entreat that you yourself will fix*

A night to meet, about the hour of six.

*A bowl of generous punch to crown the night
Shall give a welcome, and procure delight ;*

*But if from me you Burgundy expect,
Or think my want of brisk Champaign
neglect,*

*You with Sir Edward, or my Lord must dine ;
Few curates salaries afford French wine.*

I'll tell you with what strength I entertain,

My liquor's humble, my repast is plain ;

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*My table with no glittering plate is graced,
But in the midst the earthen bowl is placed.
Replete with rum, or brandy punch well
mixed,*

*Round which, clean glasses are in order fixed.
A plate with Bosworth's best Virginia stored,
And well set pipes shall grace my oaken
board;*

*With these we from our mind will chase dull
care,*

*Nor the intriguing French, nor duns, will
fear.*

*No sleep, that night, our eye-lids shall invade,
Sacred to friendship, and to Bacchus made.*

*The gifts of fortune seem, if unpossess'd,
But thrown away, and we in vain are bless'd;
Like City misers who hoard up the plumb,
For squandering heirs, when they are dead
and gone.*

*What ! shall I ne'er be debonair, or gay,
For fear what the censorious world may say ?*

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*By wine, our wit and learning brighter shine,
With gayness that inspires the grave Divine.
From all corroding cares the mind it frees,
Makes poverty like riches, sit with ease ;
Makes cowards rush courageously to arms,
And gives to Fleet-street's midnight Ladies
 charms.*

*Sees all our tongues with jocund mirth em-
 ploy'd,*

*And every wish and every thought's enjoy'd :
This I'll prepare, nay more, my friend to treat,
A supper small, not elegant, yet neat ;
Some well-drest stakes, or chicken the repast,
And tarts and Cheshire cheese shall crown the
 feast.*

*No list'ning servants at our backs shall stand,
But all things placed in order near my hand.
A table shall the bread and beer receive,
'Tis but to ask, and I myself can give.
Next for the company I'll see it chose,
Their emblematic signal, be the Rose ;*

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*Such as will chearful hours beguile with
mirth,*

*Each glafs shall give some (n) Johnian Joke
a birth.*

*With pleasure we'll relate a college tale,
When we with wine from Mitre did regale,
Or (o) Pembroke's Copias's, or (p) Pe- }
trentian ale. }*

*Or sing, when first to (q) Alma Mater sent,
How (r) Freshmen, we our time and money
spent.*

*But I'll not dictate, therefore chuse your men,
And time to come, and then let me know
when.*

The company thanked Mr. Selby for his entertainment, saying, it was a pretty invitation, and they thought not *mal a propos*. Sir George then, as there was an harpsichord in the room, desired the Lady to entertain them with a tune, saying, he was sure her spouse would join her in the vocal part.

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part. This, with some hesitation, she complied with, making an apology for want of notes; and as it was Sir George's request, and his Lady had complied with it, Mr. Templeman could not refuse. The Lady sat down to the harpsichord, and after having play'd over two or three Italian airs, she struck into the English songs—*As I saw fair Chloris walk alone—Let ambition fire thy mind—Despairing beside a clear stream*, and one or two others that were the most fashionable of that time, in which Mr. Templeman accompanied her with his voice, and made the time pass very agreeably to the company. But in the midst of their jollity an unlucky incident had like to have happened to the whole company through the forgetfulness of the philosopher. Mr. Henchman thinking the wine a little flat, handed a bottle to Mr. Hodgson, who sat
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next to the fire, desiring him to set it down to air a little, to revive it: he turning his chair set it on the hearth, and kept occasionally turning it, from one side to the other, towards the fire, the whole time descanting upon the nature and properties of the air, telling the company, that the air contained in the wine within the bottle, by the warmth of the fire, would rarify and expand itself; and, unless the cork had been drawn, (which by the bye he never looked at) would, for want of expansion, burst the bottle, which was the reason why in warm weather, beer, cyder, and other liquors of a windy nature, often either forced the corks out of the bottles, or else burst the bottles themselves; for that the air contained in the inside must have room to expand itself, and if it could not force out the cork would burst the bottle. Mr. Selby listened
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to this learned dissertation upon wind, corked up with liquor in a bottle, and observing that the cork was not drawn, kept it up till eye and ear demonstration was given of the truth, to the no small diversion of the company; for Mr. Hodgson, without ever perceiving the deficiency of the cork's not having been drawn, kept on turning the bottle, and explaining the effects of air when enclosed, till the bottle burst in his hand; but as it happened to fly towards the neck, the liquor was the greatest part preserved, by Mr. Henschman's pouring it out of the bottle into a bowl, and thence into a decanter. On the explosion of the bottle, Mr. Hodgson looked at Mr. Selby, saying, Why, Peter, you saw the cork was not drawn, why did not you tell me of it? Oh Jemmy! replies Mr. Selby, I thought you were a Philosopher; I'm sure you told us
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you was one; and how should I know but you might be minded to prove your assertion to the company (as you have done) by an experiment? The company then thanked Mr. Hodgson for his philosophical discourse upon the force of air, which he had not only delivered, but experimentally proved, saying, they should be careful for the future how they set a bottle of wine to air by a fire, without first drawing the cork, as they were, they saw, if they did, in great danger of losing it.

Soon after this catastrophe, the company were for withdrawing, and wishing Mr. Henschman a good night, and Mr. Templeman ordering his coach, Sir George desired that he would accept of one of his servants to light him home, as well as his own, saying, that two lights were better, as well as two heads, than one. William,
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who was at Mr. Henchman's, was now called for, and asked what lights he had prepared, who answered, only one flambeau, but he could soon get another he believed. His master ordered him to do so presently; to which he replied, that he could not do it in the hospital, and he was afraid if he went out, the old fellow at the gate would not let him come in again. Upon this Sir George said, Young man, go to my house, and tell my servant to go with you to get one, and then there will be no fear of your coming in again. William bowed, and obeyed Sir George's orders, and soon returned with two wax tapers, in the mean time telling the coachman to get ready presently, and draw up to the end of the Compting-house-yard. As soon as William came back with the tapers the company

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broke up, Sir George and his Lady insisting on seeing Mr. Templeman and his Lady to their coach, which waited at the end of the Compting-house-yard for them.

As they went home Mr. Templeman proposed to his Lady to take a tour into Kent the next day, saying, that as their wedding would soon become known, they should be pestered with drums and musick, and a number of impertinent visitors, whom curiosity would excite to see him, as much as if it was some strange beast from Africa; that he thought therefore it would be best to get out of their way. To this his Lady agreed, only saying, that she thought the time full short to get things in readiness, and they ought to pay a visit to his Grace first. To which he replied, that there was no need of much
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preparation ; a small assortment of linen, and two or three changes of apparel, would be sufficient for him, as he did not intend making any long stay, only to be out of the way till the talk of the town should be over ; that his brother was an eminent farmer, and lived in a very genteel manner, and in a very pleasant part of the country, near her estate, which they might also go and see. The Lady answered, she was agreeable to whatever he might propose ; that she would try what could be done, if Pinup could get her things ready in time ; if not, they might set out on Saturday morning.

When they came home, Mr. Templeman ordered Thomas, as soon as he had put up his horses, to come to him in the parlour, for he had something to say to him. In the mean time the Lady called her waiting woman, telling her,

that her master and she were minded to go into the country, for a week or a fortnight, to avoid drums and impertinence ; that she must pack up two or three suits for her, with linen, &c. that she should wear what she had then on down ; that she would have her put up her best suit, and two others, one to wear in a morning, as also her master's two suits, with his linen, &c. and as to herself, she might do as she pleased, only she would advise her to take a change and some linen. Mrs. Pinup curtesied and said, La', Ma'am, your La'ship gives me but very little notice ; but I'll do the best I can, though, if your La'ship pleases, I had rather stay in town, for I never in my life went into the country but I caught cold, or an ague, and had a fit of sickness after it ; and if your La'ship is going into Kent, for I have heard William say, his Honour's relations live there ;

there ; that is a very aguish country, and Kentish agues are very bad things. I would advise your La'ship to take a pound of Bark with you, for I dare say you'll find it necessary ; or if you should not want it yourself, it will be a very good present for some of your relations. Pugh ! cries her Lady, must I be for ever plagued with your nonsense ? Let my cloaths and Mr. Templeman's be packed up, according to my orders ; as to yourself you may do as you please. Here Mr. Templeman (who did not want Mrs. Pinup's company) interrupted her, saying, My dear ! as Mrs. Pinup is afraid of the country, and desirous of staying behind, if you can make shift without her but for one night, I have a maiden sister, who, I am sure, will be very ready to do all that lays in her power for you, while you stay in the country, and, with a little of your instructions, will, I may venture to affirm,

do very well. Oh! dear Mr. Templeman! pray say no more of that, replies his Lady, I could never bear the thoughts of having your sister to wait on me; she may be my companion, but shall never be my waiting-woman: but, as this huffey is so averse to going into the country, she may stay behind, and I may, in a day or two, be able to get some farmer's daughter for the time we stay; in the mean time shall beg the assistance of my sister, to dress and undress me. The coachman now came in, and his master turning to him said, Thomas, I intend going about thirty or forty miles into the country to-morrow; what horses will be necessary for such a journey besides your own, for I purpose to hire them, if you think you can match them? Yes, Sir, replies he, I can match them very well, at almost any stables. Has your Honour any particular place for me to go to,

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or will you leave it to me? No, Thomas, replies his master, I shall leave it to you, only let me know how many you shall want. Why, Sir, if you intend to keep the horses all the time you are in the country, a pair will do, but if you send them back, then you had better have four and a postillion, who will take them back, as I presume you intend to keep your own. Yes, Thomas, says he, we may want to go out a ride now and then while we stay. And provide likewise a saddle horse for William to ride on. Let them be ready by one o'clock to-morrow noon, and be here with the chariot by ten in the morning, for I must pay a visit to his Grace before we set out; we shall lie one night on the road. Thomas bowed, saying, he would be sure to be ready, and departed. The Lady now rang for her maid Pinup, to undress her, and told her, that she might stay

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behind, if she chose it, and that she should allow her and her fellow-servants board-wages while they were gone, for that she would have no house-keeping during that time; then bidding her light her up stairs, she withdrew, and was soon followed by her spouse.

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C H A P. XII.

Mr. Templeman and his Lady visit the Duke — and set out for the country. He meets with an old school-fellow.

AS soon as they had breakfasted, the chariot being ready, Mr. Templeman and his Lady went to pay their respects to his Grace; who received them very cordially, making the Lady a present of a rich diamond necklace and ear-rings, which had been his late Duchess's; and Mr. Templeman a very handsome gold repeating watch; which, he told him, he hoped he would wear, as a token of his friendship, and approbation of his daughter's choice. After having drank a dish of chocolate, and talked a little with the Duke, telling him their intention

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of going into the country for a little time, to avoid the impertinence of the town; he approved of it, saying, he thought it might be better if they made a longer stay than they intended; and if they could light on a house suitable for them, if they settled in the country, and only came to town, now and then, as occasion might require, it would be in his opinion still preferable. To which Mr. Templeman replied, that if his lady would like it, it was what he approved of, especially of spending the Summer in the country; that he proposed looking out for a proper house, in an healthy situation, as soon as he returned to town, if he did not find one in his journey. This, the Lady said, would be very agreeable to her, as she had much rather live retired in the country, than in the noise of the town, and was what she herself had intended to do, had she

she continued a widow ; that she was glad to find that Mr. Templeman was of the same opinion. Having staid about half an hour with his Grace, they returned home ; and after having dined, sent Thomas to fetch the coach, and set out for the country.

Nothing remarkable happened on the road, and they came very safe to Dartford, where they stopt to drink tea, and bait the horses, intending to go that night as far as Rochester ; and therefore staid but a short time there ; but as soon as the horses had eat their corn, went forward, and arrived safe at the Bull Inn in Rochester, at about seven in the evening, where they put up for that night. Here Mr. Templeman and his Lady being alone, he called for the master of the house, and asked him, if he knew of ever a gentleman that he could send to, to come and

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sup with them, and spend the evening; for as they were alone, they should be glad of a third person, to pass the time more agreeably: the landlord told them, that there were several clergymen belonging to the cathedral, any one of whom he could send for, if they liked a parson; or there was a gentleman in the house, who had alighted but just before them, who was alone, and he believed, would be very glad of the opportunity of spending the evening in company, as he had asked him if there was any company in the house, that he could spend the evening with. Mr. Templeman then gave him orders to shew the gentleman in, and to get a dish of fish and a couple of chickens and oyster-sauce, for his and his Lady's supper, and some beef stakes for the servants. The landlord then withdrew, and having
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given orders for the supper, went to the gentleman, and told him that there was a gentleman and lady just come in with a coach-and-fix, who would be very glad of a companion to make a third; that he had mentioned to them, that he was alone, and that they had sent their compliments, and would be obliged to him for his company, if he pleased to sup and spend the evening with them. The gentleman replied, he would wait on them immediately; and asking the landlord if he could tell who they were, was answered in the negative; though he said, he suspected it was some young fellow who had stolen a fortune, as the Lady had no waiting-woman, nor was there any attendance with the coach, but only one servant, which looked something suspicious; that he hoped they would not be pursued and taken

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at his house ; but he intended, if he could, to get it out of the servants by and by, though it cost him a bowl of punch to satisfy his curiosity. The gentleman told him he was ready to follow him, but that he could not be of his opinion, for if that was the case, they would chuse to be as private as possible, and would not have enquired for any one to keep them company, lest they might be known and be betrayed. They now went up stairs, and the landlord introduced him to Mr. Templeman, to whom he bowed, which was returned both by the Lady and Mr. Templeman, who said, Sir, hearing from our landlord that you was alone, we took the liberty of asking the favour of your company to partake of a bit of supper with us, as we were in the same situation, and shall be glad of a third person, to pass away the time brisker than could have been done between

tween two, as a third is always a help to conversation. But pray, Sir, be seated. The gentleman now drew a chair and sat down, fixing his eyes upon Mr. Templeman, as he also did on him, each thinking they had some knowledge of the other, though neither could be certain. Mrs. Templeman then asked, which way he was travelling, and finding that he came from Canterbury, and was going to London, enquired how the roads were as he came along, and whether he thought it would be safe travelling; he told her, he thought it was very safe, and that the roads were pretty good after they were up the hill, which indeed was none of the best, though he did not doubt but as they had six horses they would easily get up it, and then it was in a manner all level ground, till they came to Broughton. To which Mr. Templeman replied, that they were not going quite so far, though pretty
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near it. The stranger keeping his eyes on Mr. Templeman, said, Sir, I perceive you have looked very hard at me, as I have done at you, and I think, Sir, I have some knowledge of your face; I think the same of you, Sir, says Mr. Templeman, and have a notion that we were school-fellows and brother Crugs. If I may crave your name I make no doubt but I shall soon recollect you. My name, Sir, is Templeman; and mine, said the stranger, is Handcock. I thought I had a strong idea of your face. But pray, Sir, how long may you have been out of the house? I am surprized I did not sooner recollect my old bed-fellow, before you went into the King's Ward. Why, old (s) *Beth*, replies Mr. Templeman, I was but yesterday discharged. This good Lady has been so kind as to make me a present of a few thousands, as well

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well as her person, the interest of which will enable me to keep her an equipage as long as we both shall live, and I hope sufficient to provide handsomely for a family hereafter, should we be blest with any. But pray, Sir, how may you have spent your time since you have been out of the house? Why indeed, Sir, replies Mr. Handcock, I have not been able to do much: You know, when I went out of the house, I went to college, where I staid and took my degree, then got into orders; I was then, by my tutor, recommended to a curacy in Romney Marsh, upon which I found there was nothing to be got, but brandy, old cloaths, and agues; it cost me almost my whole salary to buy bark and brandy, either to keep off, or to cure the ague, though the natives of that part of the country recommend, as a specific, gun-powder steeped in brandy; but this appeared.

appeared so nauseous a medicine to me, that I could never take it. However, in about a twelve-month I heard of a curacy in East Kent, which I obtained, and being in a healthy situation, and a pretty good salary, I have held ever since, though I have two churches to serve, at three miles distance from each other, for the one of which I have forty pounds a year, and the Vicarage-house, and for the other, which has only service once a-day, I have twenty-five ; so that between both I am pretty well off. Here I married a farmer's daughter, with whom I got some little money, and a child or two, with whom I live very happily, having, I thank God, an obliging partner, and a promising offspring, two sons, who seem to promise well, though the eldest is not yet above four years old. I am now going to town to solicit the Governors for a living in my neighbourhood,

hood, which happens to be just vacant, and of which I believe they have not yet notice, so that I am likely to make the first application. I believe, brother Crug, replies Ben, they have not, for I dined with the Treasurer and the upper Grammar Master, both Wednesday and yesterday, and did not hear any thing mentioned of such notice having been received, so that you will, in all probability, be the first. When you come to town, if you please, you may give my compliments to the Treasurer, and let him know that you met me at Rochester; my name may, perhaps, be of some service to you with the Treasurer. Why then, Sir, replies he, I presume the Treasurer knows of your marriage? Yes, Sir, says Templeman; he dined with me on my wedding-day, which was last Wednesday. Mr. Henchman was Father, and Mr. Selby married me; so that you see every thing was carried

carried on fair and openly, being kept secret only from the boys, to prevent their impertinence. My Lady and I are now going to pay our respects to my mother, who knows nothing as yet of my marriage, and whom I intend to surprise myself with the news. It must undoubtedly be a great surprise to her, who does not know of your discharge, to see you come down in a coach-and-fix. Yes, Sir, replies the Lady, I believe we shall surprise my mother; but I hope it will be an agreeable surprise. We shall, I hope, be there to-morrow afternoon, for we do not propose going to dinner, that we may not put them into too great an hurry, which if we should come upon them too much on a sudden we might do. That, my dear, says Mr. Templeman, you may do as you please; there is a very good inn about two miles short, where we may dine, and then proceed the rest of our journey.

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journey. Supper was now served up, and Mr. Templeman desired his school-fellow to say grace for him.

Supper being ended, and the cloth removed, they fell into a chat about their old school-fellows, and other immaterial matters, till it was time to withdraw. The clergyman would have called the bill, offering to pay his part, which Ben and his Lady both denied, she saying, that she was certain Mr. Templeman had more politeness than to suffer any gentleman whom he had invited to keep him company to pay any thing, especially a clergyman, and an old school-fellow. No, Brother, replies Mr. Templeman, I desire you will keep your money for your journey; you'll find canvassing to be chargeable, and at present I can best afford the reckoning; I thank you for your company, and wish you success: if you
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should get the living, my Lady and I may, perhaps, come and see you, for we purpose, if we can find a proper house, to come and settle in this country. Here the gentleman bowed and withdrew, Mr. Templeman wishing him a good night and a pleasant journey, as he said he must be going early in the morning, or Mr. Templeman would have invited him to breakfast with him. The Lady now found herself at a loss for her waiting-woman, but was obliged to put up with the chamber-maid of the inn, who was a smart clean looking country girl, and though not much used to the business, yet she did pretty well, in assisting the Lady both that night and the next morning.

After they had breakfasted Mr. Templeman called for his bill, which the landlord himself carried to him, and
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when he objected to some articles as being in his opinion rather too high charged, the landlord replied to him, I'm sure, Sir, I have charged no more than is customary in all inns upon the road, and am sorry to find that any gentleman should think he had any occasion to find fault with my bills. Consider, Sir! You had three servants who took up two of my best beds (though by-the-bye he had put them up in the garret, where Thomas laid growling all night at the fleas, and swearing he had rather have lain in the stable with his horses, where he might have got some sleep). I never, Sir, had any fault found with my bills before, but by one poor Frenchman, and he bilked me of his reckoning. I'll tell you how it was.

There came one night to my house a French barber, or taylor, I know not which, who had come to England in
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the packet, and footed all the way from Dover : he, Sir, came in here, and enquired for a lodging ; I told him he might, if he pleased, have a very good bed, and ordered the drawer to shew him a room ; when he was sat down, he ordered half a dozen eggs for his supper, and half a pint of wine, which, as soon as they were ready, were carried in, and a napkin laid for him ; he eat them, and as much bread and butter with them as would have served half a dozen English farmers for their breakfast ; then calling for some small beer, drank a tankard off, and, finishing his wine, went to bed. In the morning, as soon as he was up, he called for his bill, which I made out and carried to him, and, as I thought, a very moderate one, for I had not charged him above five shillings for his supper, lodging, and every thing : He looked it over, and began to make a great spluttering,

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in French and broken English. However, at last, when I urged the reasonableness of the bill, telling him it was impossible to abate any thing, that I was sure he had been very genteely accommodated, and the like ; he very *cavalierly* told me, he had not got so much money, and could not pay me, and, when I began to swear at him for offering to come to my house without money to pay his reckoning, he very calmly said, in broken English, Don't put yourself in a passion, landlord ; if I have not de money, me can do you as much service as de money. Me perceive your house be troubled with de rot, now you give me de reckoning, me give you de receipt to drive dem all away : I, finding I could not get any money, complied with mon^{se}ur's proposal, and thought, within myself, that if his receipt should prove effectual, I should have no bad bargain ; so calling for

pen, ink, and paper, he sat down and wrote to the following effect: " When
" de rot do come, takee fix boiled eggs,
" de slice de pain & de beurre, de
" half pint of wine, and de draught of
" small beer, and when he has eat
" dem, den charge him de five shil-
" lings for dem, and monsieur rot will
" come near your house no more."

This he folded up, and giving it to me, departed. I being called away for something else, did not immediately look at my receipt, or I believe I should have ducked the rascal in the horse-pond, for imposing upon me; for you must needs think, Sir, it put me into a great passion, when I found how I was cheated, but I shall beware how I trust to a Frenchman again, though I have since made his country-men pretty handsomely make up my loss by him.

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Our landlord was going on, and would in all probability have been half an hour in acquainting Mr. Templeman what a man of consequence he was, that he was an alderman of the city, and at that time mayor, had he not been stopped by Mr. Templeman's laying down the money for the bill, and desiring him to tell the coachman to put his horses to; which had that effect upon him, that it put an end to the volubility of his tongue, with saying, that he was in hopes he should have had his Honour's company to dinner at his house, and that he would have taken a walk with his Lady to see the cathedral, the castle, and the town; that he would have done himself the honour of being their guide. Mrs. Templeman replied, it would be time enough to do that as they returned, when perhaps they might trouble him, but they must be going, as they had, she understood, a great

way to travel before dinner. He returned, he should be proud of the honour, and then making his *congé*, departed to order the coach, which was soon ready, and Mr. Templeman and his Lady set forward on their journey, getting very well up the hill, and passing through one of the most delightful spots in England, interspersed, on each side of the road, with villages, corn-fields, hop-gardens, and cherry-orchards in their full bloom, with a view of the river Medway, at about a mile distant the greatest part of the road, which was rendered the more pleasing, by a ninety-gun ship being then going down, with all her sails set, a sight which the Lady had never seen before, and with which she was greatly pleased; nor could her spouse, notwithstanding his fortune was made, help wishing himself on board her, his mind being not yet wholly weaned from thinking on the sea.

C H A P. XIII.

Mr. Templeman meets with his brother at an inn, who accompanies him to his house — his reception by his mother.

IN about three hours travelling, they arrived at a neat village, about two miles from Mr. Timothy Templeman's, where was a very good inn, (as it was called) and Mr. Templeman, not being willing to put his mother in a hurry and confusion, in getting dinner, and soon, thought it would be more convenient to dine there, and proceed in the afternoon; he therefore ordered the coachman to stop; which the master of the house seeing, he was in a moment at the coach-door to welcome his guests, not knowing of what quality they might be. Ben and his Lady having alighted, were shewn into the best room. Upon

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Mr. Templeman's asking what he could have for dinner, the landlord replied, any thing, Sir, as you please to order. A boiled chicken and oyster-sauce was then proposed, and a couple of young ducks; the landlord said he had both, and indeed so he had, but they were running about alive in his yard. The Lady, who had been more used to travelling than her spouse, asked whether the fowl was ready for the pot, and how long it would be before it was on the table; to which our landlord replied, it would be near an hour first, as he must send to town for some oysters, he having none in his house. This Mr. Templeman objected to, saying, it would take up too much time, as he was willing to be at his journey's end as soon as possible; that as that was the case, if the ducks could be got ready in half an hour, he would only have them
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and a ~~dish~~ of fish, if there were any in the house, or if not, a few beef-stakes ; to which the landlord replied, that the ducks would be ready by the time proposed ; for Sir, says he, as mine are of the wild breed, they won't take up above fifteen minutes with a good fire ; and I have hands enough to get them killed and picked in less than fifteen minutes more ; though, if your Honour is in haste, I have a fine pig that is now at the fire, which will be ready in about a quarter of an hour, and a knuckle of veal and bacon, together with a pudding for my own dinner : if your Honour and Madam chuse to partake of that, there will be a sufficiency, as there is only myself and wife, and a gentleman farmer who lives in the neighbourhood ; but if your Honour does not approve of company we will resign half of the pig, and send in a handsome plate of a roast

fillet of veal, with a slice or two of ham, which is dressing for the stage-coach, which I expect in less than a quarter of an hour, or will dress a dish of beef-stakes, which your Honour likes best. Mr. Templeman then asked his Lady which she should prefer, or whether she chose to stay for the ducks; she replied, she was very fond of a pig, and she thought that for travellers the boiled meat was preferable to the roast; that she had no objection to the company; as to the farmer, though she did not know him, she made no doubt but his company would not be displeasing, and she was afraid he might be unwilling to resign the pudding, of which she knew her spouse was very fond; that therefore she would accept of the offer, and join company.

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Matters being thus settled, the Lady desired the landlord to send in the chambermaid ; and Mr. Templeman ordered a bottle of Madeira, and one of Claret, to be brought. The landlady now making her appearance, Mrs. Templeman withdrew to adjust her dress.

When the landlord returned with the wine, Mr. Templeman enquired the farmer's name who was to dine with them, saying, he knew several of the gentlemen farmers in those parts, having seen them in London, and perhaps it might be some of his acquaintance. To this the landlord answered, his name was Templeman, a very sober young gentleman ; that he was sure his Honour would not be displeased with his company ; that he understood both men and manners, and did not, as most farmers do, talk of nothing but his cattle, or his corn, but could converse of his-

tory and politicks, as he kept all the gentlemen and parsons in the neighbourhood company, and very seldom missed being at his green, on bowling-days, where, he could assure his Honour, there was very good company. To this Templeman replied, that he was going to Mr. Templeman's, after dinner, but if he was in the house, and not busy, he should be glad of his company at present. The landlord withdrew, and acquainted Mr. Templeman, that the gentleman who came in just before, in the coach-and-fix, desired his company. Timothy asked his host if he knew whom he was ; to which the landlord replied, No ; he had not had time to enquire, but he should do it of the servants as soon as possible, though, continues he, he is going to your house after dinner. I can't think, cries Mr. Templeman, who this can be, unless it should be our new landlord, come to see
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his estate. I can't as yet tell you, says the landlord, but he is a very handsome young gentleman, and has a fine lady with him, whom I perceive is his wife, though she is somewhat o'lder than himself. The landlord then conducted Mr. Timothy into the parlour and withdrew.

Mr. Templeman fixing his eyes on his brother, after the usual ceremony of bowing to each other, said, I am informed, Sir, that you desired to see me, my name is Templeman, I understand that you are going to my house after you have dined. Yes, Sir, replies Ben, I and my spouse propose, after dinner, to drink a dish of tea with Mrs. Templeman, to whom I am somewhat related, though I have not seen her for some time; but pray, Sir, be seated, and let me help you to a glass of wine; when, pouring out two glasses, he handed one to his brother, saying, I see, Sir, you are

in suspense who I am ; here is to our mother's health. Surely, Tim ! dress don't so much alter a man as to make him unknown to his own brother. Upon this Mr. Timothy started up, crying out, Dear Brother ! though I could believe neither my own eyes, nor ears, which both told me it was you, yet I can believe you ; but pray let me handle you, to find whether you are a real substance, or a delusion ; at which he sprang to his brother, and they embraced each other very ardently. Being again seated, Mr. Timothy said, Brother Ben, you are become a fine gentleman ; but pray how comes this to pass ? we did not know you were out of the house ; why did you not send word of your coming, that we might have received you properly ?—Because, answered Ben, I intended to surprise you. I am married to a Lady of great fortune, who has made a better man of me than any captain

captain of an East-India-man, or admiral of the navy. It will, answered Mr. Templeman, be a great surprise to mother, and I wish you would let me send her word, lest being taken on a sudden, she may not be able to stand it. You may, if you think proper, replied Ben, send word you shall have company in the afternoon, but I must desire you not to mention whom, as I rather chuse to try if my mother will know me at the first sight.

The Lady now entering, Mr. Templeman presented her to his brother, saying, This, my dear, is my elder brother, whom I heard was the gentleman who was to dine with us, and therefore desired his company before dinner. Mr. Timothy saluted his new sister, wishing her all joy and happiness, and turning to his brother, said, Indeed, Ben, you have got the start of me; but how comes
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all this to pass? Of that we shall have time to talk hereafter, replied he. Dinner is by this time, I hope, ready, for I care not how soon I am going, as I want to see my mother and sister. The cloth was now laid, and dinner presently served up, when the landlord and his spouse entering, they all sat down to table, Mr. Templeman, junior, performing the office of chaplain. The hostess carved for the strangers, and the Lady commended the dinner, which was served up in the most exact order, especially the pig; upon which Mr. Timothy told her, that if she liked it so well, she should have another of the same litter the next day, for he would not have the boy spoiled for half a dozen pigs; nay, he'd sooner cheat the parson of his tythe than his sister should want one. He then ordered the drawer, who waited at table, to bid the hostler come to him, when the fellow appeared, he told

told him to take his horse, and make what haste he could to his house, and to tell his mother, that he had some relations, who were newly married, coming to see him that afternoon, and to order the servants to clean out the best stable, and to remove the horses, for he should want it; then giving a wink to the hostler, which was much better understood by him, than a nod by a blind horse, he dismissed him. The fellow set off post-haste, and performed his message to a tittle, not even forgetting Mr. Templeman's wink, which he very rightly understood.

When the company had dined, Ben ordered William to tell the coachman to get his horses to, as soon as they had got their dinners, saying to his brother, I am impatient to see how I shall be received by my mother, and whether she will know me at the first sight.

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While the servants were at their dinner they chatted upon indifferent matters, till William informed them that the man was returned and the coach ready; upon which they set forward to Mr. Templeman's farm, he himself riding before to shew them the road. As soon as they entered the parish where Mr. Timothy lived, (in consequence of the wink he had given to the hostler) they were saluted by the bells in full peal; and, as they passed through the village, men, women, and children, were all in the street to stare at the coach-and-six. Here Mr. Timothy spoke to one of the women, upon which, Ben observed to his Lady, that he perceived his brother had betrayed them, if not who they were, yet that it was a wedding, and that now they should have all the country compliments used upon such an occasion.

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Accordingly, when they came to the gate of the field which led to Mr. Templeman's house, they were there received by his work-men and servants, some with plow-shares and hammers, which they rang, as butchers in London do their marrow-bones and cleavers, others with small hand-bells, ringing alternately, all the way before them to the mansion, which had been an antient monastery, but had suffered great dilapidations by time and other disasters; on a part of the ruins of which, was now erected an handsome farmhouse, where Mr. Timothy, his mother and sister resided. When they arrived at the court-yard-gate, which was never opened but to receive particular company, they were there, in consequence of Mr. Timothy's speaking to the woman in the village, met by several poor women, with what flowers the season of the year produced, in their laps, who
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strewn them quite through the court, into the house, whilst the occupiers of the place joined in the general salute. The peacock displayed his pride; the turkey erected his feathers, and reddened his gills; the duck quacked, and the cock crowed; for these and their young offspring were the constant possessors of this avenue to the house.

At the door of the mansion they were met by old Mrs. Templeman, who, making a low curtesy, told them they were welcome to the Abbey, and that she thought it a great honour to have such visitors at her homely habitation; but she would do the best she could to entertain them. Here Ben could scarce refrain from throwing himself into his mother's arms, and embracing her; all his resolution of not discovering himself till he saw whether she would know him or not, on sight of her failed him, had
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not she turned to her son Timothy, and whispered him, asking who the gentleman was, who answered, he was a near relation, as she would find when they came into the parlour; when they were seated, his mother viewed her son Ben very attentively, but as she had no suspicion, she did not imagine it to be him. Mr. Timothy first broke silence, saying, Mother, I am surpris'd you don't know this gentleman, though you may not his Lady. Indeed, child, replies she, I do not, though I think he greatly resembles your brother Ben, but he is not yet come from school, so it can't be him, for you know the last letter he sent us, he said he was not to go out of the school till after Easter. Indeed, mother, replied Mr. Templeman junior, it is not only the likeness of your own son Ben, but his very person, who is come to present his spouse to you, and to receive your blessing, which
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I hope you'll not deny. Upon which he took his Lady by the hand, and presented her to his mother, both of them kneeling. When the old lady, lifting up her eyes, cried out, Heavens bless you both ! God bless you both, my children ! and, falling on her son's neck, had very near swooned with the surprise ; but having recovered her spirits, she said, Son and daughter, I give you both joy, and wish you both happy together ; but how comes it to pass Ben, that you made such a secret of your wedding, and did not let me know of it ? Your brother and I would have taken a journey to London, to have been at it. Mother, replied he, my Lady chose to surprise you with the notice herself, for which reason I did not send to you, but applied to the Governors of the house as my Guardians, who very readily gave me their consent, upon which I procured a licence, and, after being married,

married, discharged myself from the house, making an handsome present, enough to pay for all my board and schooling—but, brother, the turkey and game which you sent, came very opportunely, for we eat them for the wedding dinner, and I thank you for them; we must try and get some more to replace them, for I promised the Treasurer, and the Steward, to make them amends. Say no more, brother, replies Tim; it shall be done; you and I will go out on Monday, and I make no doubt but I shall find puffs fitting, and a brace or two of partridges besides. Mr. Timothy was here interrupted by the ringers, coming to ask his brother for his (*t*) largesse for ringing for him. He gave them, and also the stewers, very handsomely; his mother thought extravagantly, and told him, that she was sure he had given them so much, that not one of them would go to work during

during the next week, he replied, he should be sorry to see that, but hoped she was mistaken, adding, that if it should happen as she suspected, he should be more sparing of his pocket for the future.

They now talked of indifferent matters till tea-time, when Mr. Templeman's sister made her appearance, who had been out about business in the village; but how great was her surprise to see her brother and her new sister! however she found courage enough to run to her brother, and embraced him, and then congratulated her new sister, in the best manner she was able; they then drank tea, and the whole family were very joyous till bed-time. The next morning, being Sunday, after breakfast, Ben and his Lady drest in all the paraphernalia of the wedding-day, and went to church, attended by Mr. Timothy

Timothy and his mother, where, by the richness of their cloaths, they surprised all the congregation; the bells rang again, and they were strewed all the way through the church-yard by the women with their flowers; and it being now the bride's turn to make her present, who, remembering what old Mrs. Templeman had said, though she gave handsomely, yet was not so generous as her husband had been the day before.

Mr. Templeman, according to his grandfather's custom, invited the minister to dine with him, who most heartily congratulated Mr. Benjamin on his good fortune, as he presumed it must be by the appearance he and his Lady had made at church: upon which he received the thanks of Mr. Benjamin, who told him, that though he was not married by him, he should be no loser,
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and made him a present of more than a whole year's surplice-fees, saying, that as he was his father's successor, he should always have a regard for him.

After dinner, there being no service in the afternoon, the Lady proposed to her spouse to take a little airing in the coach, and to go to see her estate, as he had told her it was in the neighbourhood; to which he replied, Madam, if you chuse to take an airing this afternoon, the coach shall be presently ready, and I will attend you, but, as for seeing your estate, you have only to look out of the window, you'll see no other land than your own. Surely, Mr. Templeman, you jest, replies the Lady. Not in the least, answers Ben. This is the very house and estate which your former husband bought, as appears by the writings which I have perused. Well, says the Lady, I did not think I should
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have found my brother-in-law my tenant : well, as this is the case, we'll postpone going to see the country till another day ; for I can assure you, mother, continues she to the old lady, we intend to spend a few weeks with you ; and my spouse shall, to-morrow, give you a receipt for the last year's rent, which I have heard from my steward is due, as a satisfaction for the trouble we may give you.

They now went to take a turn in the garden, where Ben related to his mother and brother the whole circumstances of the wedding, and, as far as had come to his hands, what he thought the Lady might be worth, which his mother said was a vast fortune indeed ; and Tim replied, it was as much as two German princesses could bring.

Having staid here with his mother about a month or six weeks, in which

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time they were visited by most of the gentry in that neighbourhood; and having heard of an house which suited their purpose, in the neighbourhood of Canterbury, they returned to London, put off their town house, and went to reside for the most part in the country. What occurred farther to Mr. Templeman and his Lady, the consequence of his intimacy with his nurse's daughter Sukey, with several other amusing and interesting subjects, shall be related hereafter, in a future volume, when ever the publick shall think proper to call for it.

F I N I S.



NOTES to the SECOND VOLUME.

Page 61, (g) *Bounds*] The avenues of the hospital, beyond which the boys are not to go without leave.

Page 64, (h) *Six Uppermost*] The six first of the ward from whom the monitors of the ward are generally chosen, and who enjoy some privileges beyond the other boys, as the choice of the meat at table, as well as a larger portion, and the liberty of sitting up longer than the rest, and are treated by every boy of their ward who goes out of the house, with a shilling to drink his health.

Page 130, (k) *Breeches*] It was not till about the year 1740, that the boys were allowed any breeches from the hospital, since which time they have been given them in lieu of their roast mutton on Sunday nights, which has been ever since taken off, and they sup, as on other nights, upon bread and cheese.

Page 133, (l) *Catechise*] The boys are or were heard the catechise every Thursday and Saturday, after they left school, and every Sunday evening after service, by the upper Grammar Master, who has a salary annexed to his mastership for that purpose.

Page 144, (m) *Founders*] These are the portraits of the Kings, Edward the Sixth, said to be the best in London of that prince; Charles the Second, James the Second; Sir Richard Dobbs, Lord-Mayor, when the hospital was founded; Dame Mary Ramsey, a great benefactress; Erasmus Smith, founder of the Grammar-School; Sir John Moore, who built the Writing-School; Sir John Frederick, who built the Girls Ward; Henry Stone, Esq; who first projected the Mathematical-School, and several others; as see Stow's and Maitland's Histories of London.

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Page 164, (n) *Johnian Joke*] A smart repartee, for which the young gentlemen of St. John's College, Cambridge, who are stiled in the university *Johnians*, are famous.

Ditto, (o) *Pembroke's Copia's*] In Pembroke-Hall a large tankard of ale with a toast and nutmeg in it, is called a *Copia's*.

Ditto, (p) *Petrentian*] Belonging to St. Peter's College, in which Mr. Selby was educated; the students of which are called Petrentians; from whence it appears, that the person he wrote this parody to was of Pembroke-Hall.

Ditto, (q) *Alma Mater*] The university. This alludes to the song, *When first to Cambride we do come*.

Ditto, (r) *Fresh Men*] Young gentlemen in their first year at college.

Page 184, (s) *Beth*] An hospital word for bed-fellow.

Page 213, (t) *Large's*] A word used in some counties for a voluntary present, a gift, or gratuity, which the people ask for on some joyful occasion, as the case before us, or at the end of harvest, or any other rejoicing, as publick holidays, and the like.

ERRATA to Vol. I.

Page 4, line ult. for *orphanitrophian*, read *orphanotrophian*. Page 27, line 8, after baptised, insert *Timothy*. Page 48, line 14, for *Vandyke's*, read *Verrio's*. Page 73, line 17, for *wi* read *with*. Page 74, line 13, for *slung*, read *flung*. Page 182, line 12, dele *my*. Page 213, line 4, for *the two next days*, read *part of the two next days*.

ERRATA to Vol. II.

Page 84, line ult. for *carrie*, read *carried*.
 Page 135, line 16, for *eeing*, read *seeing*.
 Page 183, line 21. for *Broughton*, read *Boughton*, alias *Bocton*.



